



Richard "Rich" LeBlanc

May 19, 1947 - May 24, 2020

Richard J. LeBlanc 73 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Sunday, May 24, 2020 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, May 29, 2020 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Ben Kociemba officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Catholic Church Cemetery in Belle Prairie, MN. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 PM on Thursday and from 9 to 10 AM on Friday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls. Parish Prayers will be held at 5 PM on Thursday at the funeral home.

Richard Jake LeBlanc was born on May 19, 1947 in Little Falls, MN to the late Jake and Hildegard (Hoffman) LeBlanc. He grew up on the family farm on Pelkey Lake. He attended country school and then graduated from Little Falls High School with the class of 1965. Rich served in the military until his honorable discharge in 1966. Rich then began his 32 year career at the Hennepin Paper Mill. He met many lifelong friends and really enjoyed working there. After the mill closed, Rich worked at Larson Boats until retiring. Throughout his years of work, he also raised pigs. Rich was united in marriage to Jeannine (GeGe) Bortke whom he described as "the nicest girl he ever met". The couple made their home just east of Little Falls where they raised their 5 children, Steve, Jodi, Randy, Brad, and Justin. Rich cherished the time he spent with his children and grandchildren whom he loved and treasured dearly. He was very proud of them all. Rich loved GeGe with all of

his heart and enjoyed every memory they made together in their 51 years of marriage.

Rich enjoyed hunting and fishing with his family and friends. Deer hunting was his favorite time of year. He also liked camping with his family, birdwatching, collecting cars, woodworking, watching the Minnesota Twins, and gardening. Rich also loved his dogs. He took great pride in painting cars. He was famous for his smokehouse, especially his turkey legs and fish. He was an extraordinary cook. He was a master of conversation and became friends with anyone he met. He will be remembered for his great storytelling and his sense of humor. Rich was a member of the Lone Eagle Auto Club and the Ripley Riders. He loved racing cars when he was younger and never grew out of it. Rich definitely enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. Due to his health, Rich became a resident of the Pierz Villa. Rich enjoyed socializing with everyone there, playing bingo, and keeping the workers entertained. Those of you who were blessed enough to know him will always carry a little part of him around in your hearts.

Rich is survived by his wife of 51 years, GeGe of Little Falls, MN; children, Steve LeBlanc (Jenny Gall) of Little Falls, MN, Jodi (John) Winzenburg of Pierz, MN, Randy (Jessie) LeBlanc of Little Falls, MN, Brad (Karin) LeBlanc of Little Falls, MN, and Justin (Mary) LeBlanc of Pierz, MN; grandchildren, Leah and Lexi LeBlanc (Steve), Leevi Leibold, Brett, Ava, Gavin and Aiden Winzenburg (Jodi), Addie, Bryce, Braden, and Whitney LeBlanc (Randy), baby LeBlanc (Brad), Katie, Jacob, Kari, Macey, Trista, Trevor, and Kelsey LeBlanc (Justin); sister, Jo Ann (Rich) Goenner of Clear Lake, MN; brothers, Roger (Rosie) LeBlanc of Little Falls, MN, and Mike (Julie) LeBlanc of Little Falls, MN, and sister-in-law, Ellen LeBlanc of Little Falls, MN.

Rich was preceded in death by his parents, Jake and Hildegard; infant sister, Teresa; brother, DeWayne; mother-in-law, Mary Bortke and father-in-law,

Casper Bortke.

Cemetery Details

Holy Family Parish Catholic Cemetery - Belle Prairie

18777 Riverwood Dr
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Prayer Service

MAY 28. 5:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Visitation

MAY 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church
208 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 27, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ *Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *George and Terri Vilinski*



Terri Vilinski - May 29, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ *DelRae LeBlanc lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*



DelRae LeBlanc - May 28, 2020 at 12:46 PM

AN

“ Audrey Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



audrey newcomb - May 27, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc.



May 27, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, thinking of GeGe & all the family. Many great memories of our times together, will miss Rich.. You all have my deepest sympathy, God Bless!



Jeanette Ginter - May 27, 2020 at 05:06 PM

JK

“ So sorry to hear of Rich passing. We were friends all through school and had lots of laughs with all of our friends. Rest in peace dear friend. My condolences to GeGe and the rest of the family. Judy Knowlton

Judy Knowlton - May 27, 2020 at 04:46 PM

DW

“ Duane WITUCKI lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



Duane WITUCKI - May 27, 2020 at 02:28 PM

YB

“ Your friends at Choice Bank purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc.



Your friends at Choice Bank - May 27, 2020 at 11:55 AM

JJ

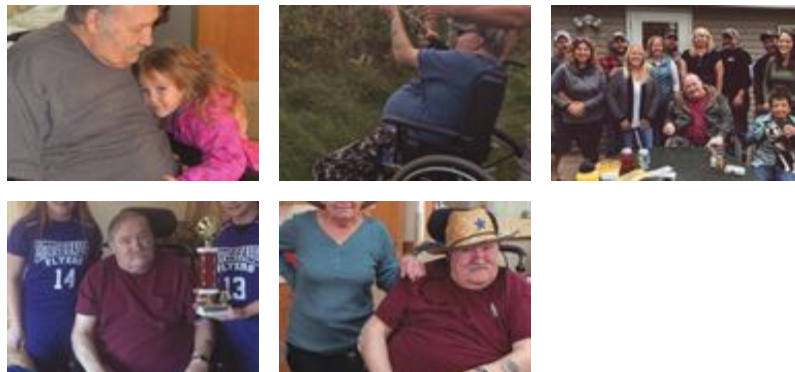
“ Jackie Janey lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



Jackie janey - May 27, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ 80 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 27, 2020 at 10:00 AM

HH

“ *Oh the memories. Rich was always so full of fun, and always a laugh on his lip. We will miss him so much, but will certainly see him again one day. To his family, we are so sorry for your loss.*

Arlene and Harvey



Harvey and Arlene Hansmann - May 27, 2020 at 09:29 AM

CM

“ *Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*



Claudette Moran - May 27, 2020 at 03:23 AM

KM

“ *Many hugs and prayers to all his family and friends.*



Kathy Marshik - May 26, 2020 at 11:10 PM

BS

“ *Beth Scherping lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*



Beth Scherping - May 26, 2020 at 11:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc.*



May 26, 2020 at 10:21 PM

DC

“ *Darlene Chirhart lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*



Darlene Chirhart - May 26, 2020 at 09:16 PM

DC

Sorry for your loss

Darlene Chirhart - May 26, 2020 at 09:16 PM

AE

“ *Andy And Sharon (Matros) Engelhardt lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*



Andy and Sharon (Matros) Engelhardt - May 26, 2020 at 08:00 PM

BP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. ❤️
Brian & Joy Peka*



Brian Peka - May 26, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc.*



May 26, 2020 at 06:20 PM

NW

“ So sorry to hear that Richard has passed. Oh, my, what a guy he was! On my summer time visits from MT I had so much fun with Richard and GeGe and loved visiting out at the farm. Special memories that I cherish. My sympathies to GeGe and the entire LeBlanc family. May the Lord provide comfort and strength during this difficult time.

Nancy Walters - May 26, 2020 at 05:02 PM

PH

“ Peggy (LeRoy) Hoheisel lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



Peggy (LeRoy) Hoheisel - May 26, 2020 at 04:58 PM

MR

“ Mary Jo Retka lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



Mary Jo Retka - May 26, 2020 at 04:17 PM

JP

“ We were so sorry to hear the sad news of Rich's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Rest in Peace, Rich.
Jerry & Carol Posch

Jerry & Carol Posch - May 26, 2020 at 03:22 PM

MW

“ So sorry for your loss! Prayers to all!



Mike & Pearl Wilson - May 26, 2020 at 01:01 PM

DP

“ Debbie Popp lit a candle in memory of
Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



Debbie Popp - May 26, 2020 at 12:22 PM

SW

“ Sorry for your loss.



Scott and Lori Williams - May 26, 2020 at 08:31 AM

SK

“ Shania Kahlhamer lit a candle in memory of
Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



Shania Kahlhamer - May 26, 2020 at 07:05 AM

DW

“ I will never forget hunting with Richard, it was memorable.
Rip old freind. George and I send our deepest sympathy to the family.



Debra White - May 26, 2020 at 07:04 AM

PE

“ Ooooohhhhh my dear Rich. You were so fun to work with. You and I got along so well, giving each other a hard time back and fourth, and playing around every shift that I was there. You brought so many smiles, and laughs to my face. I already do, and will miss you so much. Rest in Peace buddy. I know you are up there looking over me.



Peggy Eich - May 26, 2020 at 12:21 AM

HB

“ Hayley Bednar lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



Hayley Bednar - May 25, 2020 at 10:20 PM

DR

“ Dean & Paula Rocheleau lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



Dean & Paula Rocheleau - May 25, 2020 at 10:09 PM

BG

“ *My thoughts and prayers goes to the family.
Richard was a great man and sure knew how to
make anyone smile. You will be dearly missed.
Rest easy bud..
-Brooke*



Brooke Gammon - May 25, 2020 at 09:52 PM

DP

“ *Darlene Pick lit a candle in memory of
Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*



Darlene Pick - May 25, 2020 at 09:38 PM

RJ

“ *Ruthann Jensen lit a candle in memory of
Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*



Ruthann Jensen - May 25, 2020 at 09:14 PM

AY

“ *Audrey Yourczek lit a candle in memory of
Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*



Audrey Yourczek - May 25, 2020 at 05:53 PM

WW

“ Wendy Waltman lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



Wendy Waltman - May 25, 2020 at 05:31 PM

JH

“ Judy & Rich Herman lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



Judy & Rich Herman - May 25, 2020 at 04:14 PM

CL

“ Charlie And Dianne Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



charlie and dianne ledbetter - May 25, 2020 at 12:20 PM

TL

“ Tom Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



Tom Ledbetter - May 25, 2020 at 10:22 AM

DF

“ *Debbie Fuhrman lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*



Debbie Fuhrman - May 25, 2020 at 09:35 AM

GN

“ *Our sympathies to the LeBlanc family. He was a great guy.*



George and Audrey Newman - May 24, 2020 at 10:26 PM

DH

“ *Sending Prayers to the Family of Richard! Dennis enjoy playing bingo with him at the Villa and the visiting after bingo! He will be missed!*



Dennis & Janice (Virnig) Hoffman - May 24, 2020 at 10:17 PM

RF

“ *Roy And Mary Frerich sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*



Roy and Mary Frerich - May 24, 2020 at 05:48 PM

MH

“ *Mary And Ed Hoover lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*



Mary and Ed Hoover - May 24, 2020 at 05:47 PM

LP

“ *Linda Paycer lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*



Linda Paycer - May 24, 2020 at 05:28 PM

DG

“ *Dennis And Joyce Gwost lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*



Dennis and Joyce Gwost - May 24, 2020 at 04:08 PM

EH

“ *Ernie And Denise Hegna sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc*



Ernie and Denise Hegna - May 24, 2020 at 02:31 PM

DK

“ Donna Kuklock lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



Donna Kuklock - May 24, 2020 at 02:31 PM

DP

“ Darlene Preimesberger lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



Darlene preimesberger - May 24, 2020 at 01:57 PM

GL

“ Gale And Linda LeBlanc lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rich" LeBlanc



Gale and Linda LeBlanc - May 24, 2020 at 01:35 PM