



Richard "Dick" Prentice

July 26, 1944 - April 7, 2025

Richard "Dick" Prentice, age 80 of Mentor, OH, passed away on April 7, 2025 at Cleveland Clinic South Pointe Hospital. He was born on July 26, 1944 in Painesville, OH.

A proud veteran, Dick served his country in the United States Air Force for four years. He continued his commitment to service as a member of the Mentor Police Department for eight years. Beyond his years in uniform, he found success as an entrepreneur and excelled in a variety of pursuits, including charter boat captain, running an extremely successful tree service with his loving wife Bonnie and son Scott, woodworking, and refurbishing old items to turn them into treasures for the next person.

Above all else, Dick's roles as a husband, father, grandfather, and friend defined his life. He was an avid outdoorsman who embodied resilience, loyalty, and wisdom. Known for his unfiltered humor and legendary one-liners, Dick could light up any room with his practical jokes and laughter. He never missed a good poker game and cherished his time traveling around the country with the love of his life, Bonnie.

He is survived by Bonnie Prentice, his wife, but most importantly best friend of 42 years; children: Scott Smith (Angela), Stacy Smith, and Brian Smith; grandchildren: Brody Smith, Quaison Smith, Danielle Forde, Milly Smith, and

Brianna Smith. Nieces: Vandy (Sean) Linhart and Jennifer Miller.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Juanita Prentice, as well as his siblings, Charles Prentice and Betty Old.

A private celebration of Dick's remarkable life will be held by the family this summer, with details to be shared once finalized.

Dick's legacy lives on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be deeply missed, but his humor, love, and loyalty will forever inspire us.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Mentor, OH. Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dick was a very nice person. I recall the first time meeting him we started talking about the police dept and military. He had a very genuine soul and will be missed. Sending Blessings to the family in this very sad time. God Bless you all.
Shawn

Shawn Peoples - April 22, 2025 at 02:33 PM

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“ Joann and Corky purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard "Dick" Prentice.



Joann and Corky - April 14, 2025 at 02:47 PM

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“ Joann and Corky planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dick" Prentice.

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