



Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr.

September 22, 1945 - June 4, 2021

Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr. age 75 of Concord, formerly of Waite Hill and Mentor, passed away Friday, June 4, 2021 at Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland. He was born September 22, 1945 in Painesville, OH.

Mr. Osborne owned, started, and operated many family-owned businesses throughout his career. With only a high school degree (Rick never missed a day of school), his plan was not to have a plan and he lived by it daily. The only plan he had was to wake up and work hard every day! Rick would say, "my brother Jerry told me, the harder I work, the luckier I am"! His businesses were primarily involved initially in the tree service and welding supply industries, building 13 welding supply stores in NE Ohio. Then followed businesses in air separation and specialty gases, real estate, construction, banking, senior living, self-storage, cosmetics, oil-gas exploration and pipelines, excavation, concrete and materials, and development. The primary companies included Osborne Brothers Tree Service, Inc., Osborne Brothers Welding Supply, Osair, Inc., Heisley-Hopkins, Inc., People Savings, Great Lakes Bank, Lake Erie Iron and Metal, Liberty Self Storage, Retirement Management, Inc., Key West Aloe, Great Plains Explorations, John D. Oil and Gas, Orwell Natural Gas, Energy West, Bangor Gas, Frontier Natural Gas, Gas Natural, and many more. One of Rick's biggest accomplishments was when he and his father, Jerome T. Osborne Sr. purchased Great Lakes Bank. He cherished the opportunity to be in partnership with his father with a locally

owned private bank. Another notable event and dream of Rick's was to "Ring the Bell" on the NASDAQ Stock Exchange. This occurred when he founded and formed Gas Natural (ticker symbol EGAS) on the big board in 2008. Rick also loved the legal part of the business and would from time to time challenge his own council on specific topics. He would argue for what he believed in and would never back down on the topic at hand. As far as construction, Rick was instrumental in building many industrial corridors and roads in Mentor that include Tyler Boulevard Extension, East Avenue, Pinecone Drive, Hamilton Drive, Mercantile Drive, Spinach Blvd., Tin Man Road, and others. Over the years, Rick constructed millions of square feet of commercial and industrial buildings in Mentor and Lake County. He provided opportunity to many "start" up businesses that still exist today!

Rick was a graduate of Mentor High School, class of 1963. He enjoyed the outdoors that included golfing, hunting, boating, and "walking the line" in PA. He also enjoyed playing the stock market and going to sheriff sales. He was a true property junky! He used to love playing golf with his brothers and father, which usually ended in a "friendly feud" on who won. Every summer, he would go on the "banker golf tour" and spend time golfing with family and business friends. One such annual golf event was at Oakwood Country Club, invited by long-time attorney of 50+ years, Melvin Resnick. Golf would be played and deals would get done. Rick also cherished his times he had with his daughter Morgan on the competitive horse circuit all around the country. Morgan would compete and Rick would watch and relax during these times. He truly loved those days.

Another one of his true passions was creating, building, and being outside in the woods working with the guys. A true visionary, Rick would clear and chip entire woods so they looked "immaculate" and would always outwork the youngsters. Looking for a retreat, he purchased a tract of land of 63 acres in 1990 in Tidioute, PA that would later be named RIGRTONA. He would

eventually spend many days working and expanding his so-called “mistress” that included building several cabins, miles of trails, an airstrip, hanger, shelters, fire pits, trout ponds, and an oil/gas business. Many family weekends and days were spent in his Tidioute retreat and memories will last forever. Rick also was very giving to say the least and donated to several organizations over the years. One notable donation included Mentor High School in 2006 when Jerome T. Osborne Sr. stadium was renovated with artificial turf and scoreboard in memory of his father.

The last few years, Rick enjoyed spending time at dinner with his family and friends at the Trout Club, watching movies and Dateline, and playing Candy Crush on his tablet (although he never owned a computer and had a flip phone). Rick’s one-liners were classic and he had nick-name for everyone. His energy for life was truly contagious and his legacy will live forever. As the song says by Frank Sinatra, “I did it my way”!

Survivors include his wife: Nahtara Reid; children: Jennifer (Loreto M.) lafelice, Beth Ann Osborne, Richard M. (Tricia) Osborne Jr., Gregory J. Osborne, Nathan D. Osborne and Morgan Silverman; grandchildren: Christina and Regina lafelice, Loreto M. lafelice III, Zachary lafelice, Michaela (Timothy Freeman) Sullivan, Sarah (Adam) Mayse, Anthony “A.J.” (Becca) Callahan, Marc C. (Amanda) Osborne, Isabella A. (Alex) Miller, Richard M. “Ricky” Osborne III, Tessa J. and Tatum Osborne, Avery, Emily and Claire Silverman, Gregory, Acacia, Mack and Jack Osborne; great-grandchildren: Lucas, Mabel, Ashton, Bryant and Braylon; siblings: Michael (Nancy) Osborne, Georgeanne (Gary) Gorman, Jacqueline Osborne Fisher, Jeremy Osborne and Mary Ann Osborne; sister in law: Maureen Osborne; brother in law: Dr. William Krug and former wife, Diane Osborne.

Preceding Rick in death are his twin-daughters: Mildred and Lisa Osborne;

son: Tommy Osborne; parents: Jerome T. and Georgeanne S. Osborne;
siblings: Kimberly Krug, Jerome T. Osborne Jr., and Gregory Osborne and
former wife: Irene Winslow.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 - 8:00 pm Thursday, June 10, 2021 at
Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor
Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

There will be a private family service, with interment in Mentor Cemetery,
Mentor.

In lieu of flowers, the family request contributions may be made to Lake
Catholic High School, 6733 Reynolds Rd, Mentor, OH 44060 and or Andrews
Osborne Academy, 38588 Mentor Ave, Willoughby, OH 44094

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **10**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GD

“ Rick was a legend. He trusted my small startup metal construction business with one of his early self storage buildings in Elyria. We grew our relationship, while growing our company by leaps and bounds, to the point we went from 1 pickup and 3 guys to 20 guys with all the compliments of construction equipment and tools. I remember when he showed up on a site, him being worth billions, in a flannel and jeans, grabbing branches and feeding them into the chipper with the regular crew. It set the tone for the rest of my life. "Work harder and get luckier!" Rest in peace Rick and know your work ethic lives on!

Glenn Dosch - January 11 at 02:48 PM

EV

“ Glad I had the chance to meet you. Grateful for the last trip we took you always knew how to have a good time and get me out of my comfort zone, you will be missed.

eve - March 27, 2022 at 01:44 PM

AA

“ Growing up in Mentor as class of 1962 I knew Rick from high school days. Later I was a sometime customer and found him to be a good man. I'm sorry to learn he has left us too soon. Al Arthur

Alan T Arthur - June 19, 2021 at 09:43 AM

TD

“ Dear Osborne Family,
I have had the great pleasure of designing homes throughout Lake County for Rick (Heisley Hopkins) and working through John Ruple with preliminary design to final construction drawings. Rick has given me artist license to create homes that were pleasing to the customer and or saleable as a spec. house.
Many fond memories of this and I am very thankful. Always nice to see him and have friendly and business like conversations at Deep Springs. I will miss him. Blessings to you all.
Timothy Dick

Timothy Dick - June 12, 2021 at 01:05 PM

MZ

“ Dear Rick, Greg, & Family:
Your Dad, brother, grandfather was a terrific guy. I liked him from the moment
that I met in many years ago in junior high school. Great sense of humor. Always admired him, and the entire Osborne family and the work ethic that was second to none. God Bless Rick, God Bless America.
Mike Zivanchev

Mike Zivanchev - June 10, 2021 at 10:54 AM

TT

“ Mr. Osborne, I worked for you a long time and shared many great conversations. It was an honor taking care of you and I will miss you so much. You were a part of my everyday life and there is a huge void now. You will forever have a place in my heart. I miss telling you (take your pills) every morning and you giving me those rolling eyes.
Thank you for everything my boss and my friend. Teresa Tribble

Teresa Tribble - June 10, 2021 at 08:19 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr..



June 09, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Rick Sr. was an amazing guy! I used to love watching my dad, Bill Knox Sr. and Rick spar in business and always shake hands with a deal. There was never a contract! I learned a lot from Rick and try to carry on the tradition with Rick Jr. Rick and Rick Jr build most of Mag-Nif Inc buildings and we always bumped into each other at the Perfect Match. I also had fun watching Rick at the Sheriff's sale auctions. We would often bid against each other but I knew I would not win. The Mag-Nif family and the Knox /England family will all miss Rick Sr. May God bless you with all the wonderful memories of such an outstanding human being!

Bill Knox Jr. - June 09, 2021 at 12:52 PM



To the Osborn family. I was so sad to hear about Ricky's passing. That was his name all thru kindergarten til graduation, 1963. He was such a cute little kid. That is how I chose to remember him. RIP Ricky. Thank you for all the memories. My deepest condolences to your family. Who would have know how far you would have come in your lifetime. Good job.

Virginia Vinkovich Wagstaff - June 14, 2021 at 04:00 AM

CL

“ My sympathies to your family. While serving together on Lake Erie College board I enjoyed Rick's sense of humor. Wishing you fond memories and Peace.

Cathy Lincoln

Cathy Lincoln - June 09, 2021 at 12:41 PM

TS

“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss. We shared many memories from our 4-H horse riding days. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Timothy and Barbara Sutch

Timothy Sutch - June 09, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr..



June 09, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr..



June 09, 2021 at 10:04 AM

AB

“ *What a inspiration he was to all of us !! .He will be missed. Rest in Peace*

Anita Bushman - June 09, 2021 at 09:40 AM

KS

“ *Our sincere sympathy at this most difficult time.
May the great memories help sustain you at this time.
Love, Jim and Kathy Schonauer*

Kathleen Schonauer - June 09, 2021 at 07:13 AM

TM

“ *A great and generous man that made a life time friend of everyone he ever met.*



Tom McGinty - June 08, 2021 at 11:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr..*



June 08, 2021 at 06:53 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr..



June 08, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ Love, Mike, Nancy and Family purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr..



Love, Mike, Nancy and Family - June 08, 2021 at 05:21 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr..



June 08, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr..



June 08, 2021 at 03:52 PM

GG

“ Georgeanne Osborne Gorman purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr..



Georgeanne Osborne Gorman - June 08, 2021 at 02:55 PM

DD

“ David VanCuren and Mary DiGeronimo purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr..



David VanCuren and Mary DiGeronimo - June 08, 2021 at 02:49 PM

YF

“ Your Andrews Osborne Academy family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr..



Your Andrews Osborne Academy family - June 08, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr..



June 08, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr..*



June 08, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ *God's Speed to you Richard. You were truly one of a kind. Rest easy now, my friend, the battles are over.*

Lisa D Summers - June 08, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Osborne Sr..*



June 08, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working for Rick at People's and then at Great Lakes Bank (GLB) when Jerry and Rick started it. I always respected his down to earth personality and wisdom. So sorry to hear of his passing.*

Randy Shandle - June 08, 2021 at 10:48 AM