



## Richard Dennis Welker

October 4, 1968 - February 13, 2022

Richard Dennis Welker, 53, of Havana passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 5:49 p.m. at Mason District Hospital. He was born on October 4, 1968 in Beloit, WI. to Donna Meyer. He married Becky Jo Roach (Ledbetter) in Springfield on June 29, 2013.

Richard is survived by his wife, Becky, mother, Donna, two sons, Justin (McKenzie) Roach and Devon (Rita Hames) Roach, and grandchildren, Haisley and Amelia Roach. Also mourning his loss are Rick's twin brother Robert (Bob) Welker, his wife Lisa, and their children Abby Welker, Nick Welker, Carly (Ed McGinty) Crocker, and Drew (Kelly Liebers) Crocker; his sister Candace Demmin and her husband Rob, their children Arianne Cooper, Tessa (Branche) Demmin and Lucas (Courtney) Demmin; brother-in-law Steven Ledbetter and his wife Lisha, their children Colin (Montana) Ledbetter and Madison Ledbetter. He was preceded in death by his father, Dale Meyer, grandmother, Bernice Beavers. and nephews Lane Philip Crocker and Samuel Welker.

Richard loved being outdoors. He enjoyed fishing, hunting waterfowl, spending time with his family, and playing a round of golf with his brother, sons, and friends. When younger Rick was a well-known competitor in multiple running events. His competitive nature allowed him to succeed in work and in play. He was passionate about his sales positions, and with every

sale he gained a new friend. His family's most precious memories of Rick were; early mornings spent in the duck blind or goose pit, his unique sense of humor and creative dance moves, his ability to inhale multiple ice cream cones in one setting, and his special handshakes with his granddaughters.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a Celebration of Life will be held at Grandpa's in Havana on Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 2:00-5:00. Family and friends are invited to come to enjoy time together while sharing stories about Rick's life.

As a runner himself, Rick marveled at the strength and dedication of local Special Olympic athletes. Memorial donations may be made in Richard's name to Special Olympics of Illinois OR PORTA Power Special Olympics (coached by Becky and Devon).

Online condolences can be left for his family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Dennis Welker*

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October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Becky, Bob, and all the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Remembering Rick and one crazy KISS concert in high school that Jill and I still talk about. He was a great guy. Thinking of you all, Julie Knuppel*

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**Julie Knuppel** - March 15, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *My name is Marli and I was one of Rick's customers at Velde. I remember walking into the dealership really frustrated with the other dealerships that i had been to. Rick welcomed me and i told him the situation i was in and he did everything in his power to get me into something that i needed. I had 3 requests that day and he made sure to stick to them. I felt very taken care of and being 22 at the time, he felt like a father taking me under his wing and made sure that i was taken care of!! He wasnt just a salesman, he became a dear friend! I am so saddened to learn of his passing and am praying for his loved ones during this icredibly hard time!! He made an impact on my life and for that, I am eternally grateful!! RIP Rick!*

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**Marli Schaley** - March 02, 2022 at 12:52 AM

PL

“ *Bob and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I'll always have fond memories our track and field days in high school. I have made a donation to the Special Olympics in his memory (although I forgot to indicate it). My he Rest In Peace.*



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**Patty (Kelly) Luera** - March 01, 2022 at 04:18 PM

KS

“ *Becky I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.*



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**Kristi Smith** - February 26, 2022 at 08:35 AM

DW

“ *Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*



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**Dan and Chris Wilson** - February 25, 2022 at 09:42 AM

DK

“ Hard to believe. Sure enjoyed being around Rick on a daily while working at Velde Ford. Rick had inspiring work ethic. He was a wealth of knowledge on a lot of subjects. I'll always remember the memorable KISS concert I was able to go to with Rick and his twin brother Bob about 3 weeks before covid shut down most everything. Had a great time. Thank you for your positive support you expressed to me while at Velde Ford. You will be missed Rick Welker.

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**Dave Koehne** - February 25, 2022 at 09:01 AM

KM

“ Kay And Steve Moehring lit a candle in memory of Richard Dennis Welker



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**Kay and Steve Moehring** - February 24, 2022 at 07:35 PM

BW

“ Brenda Stone Wilcoxon lit a candle in memory of Richard Dennis Welker



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**Brenda Stone Wilcoxon** - February 24, 2022 at 06:15 PM

PS

“ Patricia Specketer lit a candle in memory of Richard Dennis Welker



Patricia Specketer - February 24, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Dennis Welker.



February 24, 2022 at 03:12 PM

LT

“ Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson lit a candle in memory of Richard Dennis Welker



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - February 24, 2022 at 01:29 PM