



Richard "Rick" Robert Linke Jr., age 68 of Manistee, MI passed away unexpectedly, Sunday morning Sept. 14, 2025, in Tawas City, MI while on a bike trip. He was born June 7, 1957 in Manistee and is the son of Marlene (Dahlke) Devlin and the late Richard Linke Sr. He was a graduate of Manistee Catholic Central with the class of 1975.

Rick married the love of his life, Sara L. Fortier, at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee. Together, Rick and his wife Sara owned and operated Linke Lumber Company in Filer City until selling the business and retiring in 2023. Prior to purchasing the family business, Rick was employed as a welder with Hardy Salt Company until its closing and also instructed welding courses taught at West Shore Community College.

Rick enjoyed hunting at his family's Cabin at Lake of the Wood, fishing, boating, riding his Harley, and cruising around the beach in his corvette. You could always find him hanging out with his friends watching the games in his garage enjoying a few beers. His grandchildren were especially important to him. There were many tractor, ATV, and boat rides as well as a good game of tag. In fact, Grandpa was last "tagged it".

Working with his hands was one of his many talents and he shared that talent to help many people. One of his first projects was building his home and later his garages. You could find him helping others with their construction projects, welding, working on mechanical projects, cars, trucks or doing repairs to just about anything.

Rick was a member of the VFW, American Legion, Worlds Worst Fisherman's Club and the Civic Club.

Rick is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Sara; his mother, Marlene Devlin; two sons & daughters-in-law, Michael & Jessica Linke and their children, Jaxon, Natalie and Calvin all of Wellington, FL; Colin (Stephanie) Linke and their son Nathan; his daughter & son-in-law, Jackie (Ryan) Wahr and their children Hailey and Haven, all of Manistee, MI. Rick is also survived by his siblings; brothers and sisters-in-law, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Linke Sr. and by his mother and father-in-law William & Rose Fortier.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee with Rev. James Bearss celebrant. Burial of Rick's cremated remains will take place at Mt. Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee immediately following his funeral Mass. The family will be at Guardian Angels Church on Saturday morning, one hour prior to the funeral Mass to receive friends.

Memorials have been established in Rick's name for the V.F.W. Walsh Post #4499 of Manistee and the Guardian Angels Church Preservation Fund. Envelopes will be available at the Church.

The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.