

## Richard "Rick" Davis Lipman

May 17, 1952 - May 14, 2013

Rick was born in Toledo, Ohio, on May 17, 1952, where he lived until his early 20s. Rick was one of three children in his family, along with his brother, Bill, and sister, Laury. He attended college at the University of Miami, Ohio and got his bachelor's degree in sociology.

In his late 20s he made his way to Napa, where he lived until his passing on May 14, 2013. To say that Rick was a great friend, terrific father, loving husband, and the most loyal man anyone could be around would be a massive understatement.

Rick's most amazing quality was his utmost loyalty and the love that he had for his family and close friends. He had a presence — a warm, bright, spark that burned so bright; it was magnetic and attractive, and those around him were taken in by it. He was an extremely devoted husband, and an unmoving rock of wisdom and motivation for his son, Marshall.

He was a provider in so many ways for his family. He always put his family first, no matter what the cost to himself. He worked and played so hard in his life, which is reminiscent to what his philosophy and outlook on life was.

He believed in hard work, devotion, loyalty, and family, and at the same time, believed in enjoying the many fruits of life. He was a lover of food, and wine, and song and took part in his whole life in enjoying these gifts of life.

Rick passed at his home in Napa, which is where he would have wanted to be in the end. His bright, glowing spark burned out, and his body, in the end, quit on him far earlier than his mind and soul would have wanted.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy Lipman; son, Marshall Lipman; his three grandchildren, Dylan, Jakob and Amber Lipman; his brother, Bill; and his sister, Laury.

He will be sorely missed, and his presence will always be felt with those who loved him and cared for him.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Rick" Davis Lipman*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Richard "Rick" Davis Lipman*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Friends and family shares*



Marshall Lipman - May 14, 2017 at 03:40 AM



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Marshall Lipman - May 14, 2017 at 03:40 AM

SK

“ While in Toledo last weekend for the DHS reunion I visited the new JCC which of course made me think of Rose Lipman and her family who have been in my life since nursery school. I was saddened and surprised, at the reunion, to learn that Rick died. I was surprised again this morning to learn that Rick had practically been my neighbor here California. The last time I saw Rick we were in the seventh grade so I didn't have the opportunity to know him as the wonderful man he became. My condolences to his family who lost him much too soon. May his memory be a blessing. ❤️

*Sandi Lewis Kniep, Davis, CA*

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**Sandi Lewis Kniep** - August 13, 2015 at 11:34 AM



*Thank you so much Sandra for your kind words and for your emails to me recently filled with amazing stories and photos. It brings such comfort, thank you with all my heart!*

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**Marshall Lipman** - May 14, 2017 at 03:18 AM

“ One summer day back in the early 80's Rick and I went boating at Lake Berryessa with our friends Greg & Kim. Greg had a nice ski boat and on this occasion had brought a recently purchased parasail. Greg had never trained on how to use a parasail nor had any of us ever navigated one, but after a pitcher or three of gin & pink lemonade we decided we could figure out how best to get air born.

Greg backed the boat up to the beach at which the water remained fairly deep and we unloaded the gear...the rigging, the harness and the sail. We carefully laid the harness and rigging out away from the water, taking care to ensure there's be no tangling of the lines and the sail. With the harness, located a good distance from the water ready, Rick got all cinched in.

Now, you have to keep in mind that we were all, as they say, "feelin' our cups" by then and were all in agreement that our plan was sound and was certain to work...Rick would harness up, Greg would taxi out til the lines were tight, then PUNCH IT...Rick would run as fast as he could and certainly by the time he hit the water's edge the sail would catch wind and he'd be airborne...sounds good in theory, right?

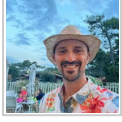
So Greg taxi's out, the lines go tight and Rick gives Greg the thumbs up!! Greg punches it and boat digs in and launches....Rick starts running. Well, anyone who knows Rick knows that he wasn't the most coordinated guy, so of course, he's running full out and trips...the speed of the boat dragging him over shrubs, sticks, small rocks and the black sand of the beach. Greg, in the mean time, is (grinning ear to ear in the excitement of it all), intermittently glancing over his shoulder and forward, again over his shoulder and forward...etc, but never over his should far enough to notice that Rick's forward motion is no longer on his feet. Kim and I, shouting over the roar of the boat motor try to let Greg know there's a problem, can't get to our feet just yet, (after all, you have to keep in mind this all plays out in a matter or 15 to 20 seconds which I'm certain seemed MUCH longer to Rick! Rick finally hits the water and begins to cartwheel so that by the time Greg is aware of the dilemma Rick's been thoroughly trounced and doused.

Greg turns the boat and we taxi back to shore. As we approach the beach Rick emerges the the water looking like the Creature from The Black Lagoon...he's covered in lines and rigging, twigs and sticks are all a-tangle in his hair and protruding from his shorts, black liquid sand is dripping from every limb and orifice of his body; he is sputtering, muttering and its taking a great deal of effort to stay on his feet.

Anyone else would have been pissed! Rick was clearly scratched up and obviously beaten, but no, it wasn't his way. I can still hear him laughing, "Well, THAT didn't work!" We laughed all afternoon and although we often again went boating with Greg, not Rick or anyone else ever ventured up into the parasail....we DID however often enjoy a good pitcher of gin and pink lemonade!



Kelly Depew McCord - June 19, 2013 at 09:28 PM



*This is absolutely, one of my all time favorites mom! I can picture the whole scene, you set it up perfectly. Thank you for this*

Marshall Lipman - May 14, 2017 at 03:22 AM



“ *The day I left to go catch my flight to go work for Celebrity Cruises, my dad broke his hip. I slept in, and was incohesive, and he was doing laundry early morning in the garage. He fell down the step of stairs leading in to the garage and fractured his hip. He lay there in agony for hours before i finally heard him.*

*We finally got him to the hospital, and it wasn't looking good, he wasn't going to get surgery for a few days, so that meant days in the hospital on pain killers which he was not happy about. I was a mess and I was ready to toss away the whole idea of going to work on a cruise ship.*

*He grabbed my hand, pierced me in the eyes with his big Taurus, all knowing stare. "You are going now and getting your ass on that boat and that's how it is!" I'll never forget his strength and fierceness that day. I fought and fought, and eventually made my way to the airport, boarded the plain and went to L.a.*

*Four months later i met Tracy. My Irish bride to be, my love... She had me wrapped around her finger so quick. We settled hear in Ireland, bought our house and had our three beautiful children.*

*If it wasn't for my dad's stubbornness, love, and strong will to see his son achieve his dreams, I would not be where I am today.*

*I love you so much dad, I miss you every single waking minute, and I want you to know that I'm going to make your proud every day of my life. You can rest now and know i'll always hear and see you when i'm faced with these impossible life decisions and know that you'll always steer me down the road to righteousness.*

*Peace pops,*

*Me*

Marshall Lipman - June 19, 2013 at 04:31 PM

CM

*You're dad was such a good soul... And so so funny! Not to mention an amazing grill master ;) ... My heart is with you and your family. Love you Marsh*  
-Cindy

Cindy McConnell - June 19, 2013 at 05:09 PM

KM

*I remember that morning Marsh, how you struggled, as you had so many times, (although certainly more acutely that morning) about leaving Rick in a tough situation. I think its easy in life to take less seriously those beautiful jolly souls...perhaps we think someone that jolly can't possibly be strong, but your Dad was. He instilled in you that quiet strength, the ability to be a ROCK whilst maintaining a lighthearted air. So many gifts he gave you, and on that fateful morning, unbeknownst to us all, the gift he gave you was a chance to launch a career that would lead you to your future bride, the birth of your children and the means to provide for yourself and your family. He was a selfless man who gave with his whole heart. You'll forever miss his phisical presence, but he is within you, always and if you but listen, you'll hear him. Love you hun, Mom.*

Kelly McCord - June 19, 2013 at 08:48 PM



*Wow Marsh what lovely words I am sitting here with tears in my eyes xxxx*

Tracy Hanley - April 24, 2014 at 10:49 AM

JS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



joe scorziell - May 19, 2013 at 09:11 AM

JS

*Alex Gantzios, Randy Burns, Rick, Eddie White standing and Pete Poll on the chair.*

joe scorziell - May 19, 2013 at 04:51 PM



*Dad looks so much like my oldest son Dylan here. Crazy how strong the Lipman genes are.*

Marshall Lipman - May 14, 2017 at 03:22 AM

JA

“ *I worked with Rick for several years at the State Fund's office in Rohnert Park. He was a great co-worker, and we'll miss him greatly.*

*Jeff Andersen*

Jeff Andersen - May 18, 2013 at 11:31 PM



“ I knew Rick in grade school and high school in toledo. Very sad to hear this news, my sincerest thoughts to Rick's family and friends.. certainly his spirit will live on.

Thoughts,memories:

i added pics from jack babel on tribute law..

- running into the back fender of his 2 day old VW in DHS parking lot
- verbal banter from near and far
- drinking with Bud and Rick not holding his beer one night, Bud nicknamed him "Niagara Falls" ... which could be heard on the winds at various DHS events
- Rick and friends visiting UC from Oxford to see Doobie Brothers at UC field house, fall 1970... that may have been the last time i saw Rick.. bright moments

been in Napa a bunch of times, wish i had known he lived there..

regards  
Steve Lang

Steve Lang - May 18, 2013 at 08:43 PM



Seve, Great comment, thank you...Cindy Lipman

Cindy Lipman - May 22, 2013 at 12:04 PM



amazing memories Steve! Thanks so much for sharing.

Marshall Lipman - May 14, 2017 at 03:23 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Steve Lang - May 18, 2013 at 08:32 PM

JS

“ I knew Rick in high school, glad he had a nice family and friends in Napa. Rick had a lot friends back in Toledo who wondered what happened to him. Rest in peace buddy.  
Joe Scorziell

joe scorziell - May 17, 2013 at 07:50 PM

CL

Thank you Joe...Cindy Lipman

Cindy Lipman - May 22, 2013 at 12:03 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Davis Lipman.



May 17, 2013 at 07:22 PM

JZ

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John Zeitler - May 17, 2013 at 03:12 PM

JZ

“ I knew Rick from grade school (Old Orchard) where he won the local Punt, Kick and Pass contest, sponsored by the NFL. His large frame (being a lineman at the time) tried to protect me in 8th grade football. In High School (DeVilbiss) we would have VW beetle races. His against mine. One day he just disappeared and 35 years later I finally found out where he went. I always wondered what happen to him. It seems like he had a good life and family.  
John Zeitler -Toledo Ohio

John Zeitler - May 17, 2013 at 03:02 PM

CL

Thank you John...Cindy Lipman

Cindy Lipman - May 22, 2013 at 12:03 PM

DM

“ *Diana Muehlhausen lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" Davis Lipman*



**Diana Muehlhausen** - May 17, 2013 at 02:03 PM

DI

*Remembering Rick and the 'good' times in State Fund's office in Fairfield. I remember many times laughing with Rick. My condolences to his family.*

**Diana** - May 17, 2013 at 02:22 PM

CL

*Thank you Diane....Cindy Lipman*

**Cindy Lipman** - May 22, 2013 at 12:02 PM

BC

“ *Burt Christian purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Richard "Rick" Davis Lipman.*



**Burt Christian** - May 17, 2013 at 12:35 PM