



## Richard L. "Rick" Reffitt

October 1, 1948 - January 9, 2020

Richard L. Reffitt, age 71 passed away on Thursday January 9, 2020 at home with his loving family by his side following a long battle with ALS. He was born in Canton, Ohio on October 1, 1948. The son of the late Maurice and Dorothea Murphy Reffitt. Richard was a United States Army Veteran serving from 1968 to 1971.

He was employed for many years at General Electric in Schenectady as a Project Manager / Technical Advisor / Sales, Leadership and Technical Trainer of project managers and field engineers which included many demanding professional responsibilities. Rick managed power generation projects around the world as well as in the domestic United States.

As an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church he enjoyed working with people in the NOAH (Needy or Alone and Hungry) program, volunteered in the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Hometown Association, and where needed in the local arts organization. Rick was a Mason and Past Master Counselor of DeMolay.

Rick lived with his wife Barbara in Hope, NY in the Adirondack Mountains. Rick and his family enjoyed experiencing all that the beautiful Adirondack Park has to offer. His sporting activities involved hiking; camping, kayaking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Nothing made him happier than being home and working or playing outside on the property with his family.

Survivors include his loving wife Barbara Hedger Reffitt of Middletown, Ohio whom he has been married to for 52 years.

Rick is also survived by his son, Brian Scott Reffitt, his wife Kristen, his grandchildren Brian Richard Reffitt and Kayla Walsh and his sisters, Sandra Hobson, her husband Chris, Dorice Buckley, and her husband, Rob.

Family and friends are invited to visitation on Thursday January 16, 2020 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Northville Funeral Home with a small reception held at the home of Barbara and

Rick afterward. A memorial and celebration of life and committal service will be held on Friday January 17, 2020 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1 North Market St, Johnstown, NY 12095 at 1pm, followed by a reception at the church.

Burial will be held in the spring at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Regional Center, 19 Warehouse Row, Albany, NY. 12205. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.northvillefuneralservice.com](http://www.northvillefuneralservice.com).

# Events

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Visitation

01:00PM - 03:00PM

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Northville Funeral Service, Inc.

401 Bridge Street, Northville, NY, US, 12134

JAN

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Celebration of Life

01:00PM

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St. John's Episcopal Church

1 North Market Street, Johnstown, NY, US, 12095

# Comments

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“ Barbara and family. I found out recently about Rick's passing. I am very saddened. Rick's positive attitude and joy of life was something to be admired. God bless you and yours.

**Jeff Darst** - March 28, 2020 at 07:47 PM

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“ Barb and family, we just heard about Rick . Our condolences and prayers are with you. I'll always remember ( 3 all the way ) glad to have known him..Liz and John

**liz wegrowski** - January 20, 2020 at 08:20 PM

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“ Brian ... we are so very sorry. I didn't know you father well but I know from all the stories that he was an amazing man. I know Rod truly respected him. Thoughts are with you and your family.  
Mariah, Greg and Brooklyn.

**Mariah Fortune** - January 16, 2020 at 11:29 AM

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“ Dear Barbara,

The members of the Investment Opportunities Club (IOU) enjoyed Rick's enthusiastic participation since it's beginning in June 1996. We have many fond memories of our meetings every first Tuesday of the month, for over two decades. While Rick probably had the greatest distance to the meeting after your move to Hope, he was a regular attendee that could always be counted on. We all miss him very much.

Bob Lindinger

**Bob Lindinger** - January 16, 2020 at 06:22 AM

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“ Barbara, Maynard and I are so sorry for your loss. Rick was such a fun and interesting guy. Even though we only got to know you both within the last 5 years - it has been a great friendship. We have some fun memories and so do our grandsons. They remember the 4th of July fireworks that Rick let them have out in the driveway after we all (including Brian) returned to your home after watching them in Northville down by the lake. I will always remember Rick saying "yah-tah-hey" when in conversation about something crazy or funny. Then he would chuckle. Love to you and your family.

Sandie and Maynard

**Sandra Johnson** - January 15, 2020 at 05:12 PM

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“ Maynard and Sandie Johnson and Grandson's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard L. "Rick" Reffitt.



**Maynard and Sandie Johnson and Grandson's** - January 15, 2020 at 04:45 PM

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“ Dear Barbara,  
Connie and I were heart sick to hear of Rick's passing. We know, however, that he is in a better place and that his spirit will be with you until we all make it to his heavenly home. We were very saddened when you changed your place of church attendance, for your smile always lit up a room. My faith says that Rick's wonderful spirit is all around you.

Much love,

Marilyn (the Sargent) and Connie (the artful Dodger)

**Marilyn Sargent** - January 15, 2020 at 09:15 AM

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“ Barbara, I am thinking about you. I know how hard the past years have been for you and Rick. ALS is a terrible disease. I was interested to read in the obituary that your husband was born in Canton, Ohio; we live in the winter in Alliance, Ohio, about twenty miles away. I am glad you have a loving family and many friends.

**Pam Hanke** - January 14, 2020 at 10:52 PM



“ Dear Barb,  
John and I always remember you and Rick from Good Shepherd and your wonderful personalities and shared gifts!  
What a joy that you two had the time to experience the Adirondack treasures together with your family.  
Prayers, comfort and peace to you all for your loss.  
Peg and John Mackey

**p&j mackey** - January 14, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ Barbara,  
John and I are so sorry for your loss. Rick was a wonderful husband and father. He will be sorely missed, but I'm sure good memories of your life together will help you through these difficult times. Our prayers are with you and your family.  
Stephanie and John Hoff

**Stephanie Hoff** - January 14, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ Rick was the guy you met once and never forgot. And the longer you knew him, the better it got. And if you did not see him for a while, the next time you did, it was like you'd just talked to him yesterday. He was truly one of the great things about working for GE.

We asked Rick to shoot our wedding because I knew he had been a photographer prior to GE. We knew he'd do a great job and it would be another friend there to share the day. When all was done, he made the shoot a wedding present. That was Rick.

Barb, I know you have lost your best friend. But knowing Rick, I'm sure he'll always be close in spirit.

Rob & Jo-Anne Sigond

**Rob & Jo-Anne Sigond** - January 14, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ Dear Barbara,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very sad time, and I send my sincere condolences.  
Barbara Spina

**Barbara** - January 14, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ Another great guy has left us, but not forgotten. Rick and I worked on a job on Guam and that's when we first met.... wish we had worked more jobs together.

Our prayers and sympathy to Ricks family.

Fred & Bernadine Easton

**Fred Easton** - January 14, 2020 at 09:01 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss , Rick was a true blessing to us all !  
Cal & Jan Lechman

**Cal Lechman** - January 14, 2020 at 07:42 AM

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“ I am sorry for your loss. Remember, he has gone away, only for a little while.

**Bill Haldeman** - January 13, 2020 at 05:39 PM