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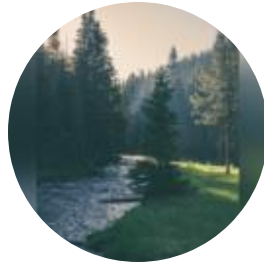
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Age 52, of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away on August 4, 2019 surrounded by family and friends. Son of Anthony and Patricia Gusic; brother of Robb Gusic and Becky (Gusic) Shaffer. Rick was a loving and dedicated friend, teammate, coach, father, uncle, brother and son. He grew up in West Mifflin, PA and graduated from Kent State University with a Master's degree in Business Administration. Rick was a part owner of the Thompson - Gusic Insurance Group in Forest Hills. He loved his family and friends, his dogs, kayaking, and jiu jitsu. Rick grew up paddling with his father at Ohiopyle and his love of kayaking took him all over the country. He conceived the idea of the Cheat River Race, which draws hundreds of boaters each year, and organized and ran it for 22 years. His legendary whitewater videos earned him numerous awards at the Lexington Film Festival. Rick's passion and dedication to jiu jitsu were well known around the grappling community in Pittsburgh. He started his training at Stout Training in 2015, was a member of the Mat Factory, and more recently was a founding member of the Rise 8 Jiu Jitsu Academy in Coraopolis. Rick earned his Purple Belt in June 2019. Rick lived each day to its fullest and touched the lives of so many. He will be missed every day by his family, friends, and brothers and sisters on the rivers and on the mats. Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 7, 4-9 PM, and Thursday, August 8, 10-11 AM at the JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC., 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, 15236. A Graveside Service will follow at 11 AM at the Jefferson Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tap Cancer Out (www.tapcancerout.org). Condolences may be left at www.jeffersonmemorial.biz.



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BP

Barb Plutko posted:

I met Rick at our networking meeting around 7 years ago. He was always so nice and pleasant to talk to about business or life. He was honest and friendly. I was so sad to hear that he was sick. He seemed to be getting stronger. It was even more sad when I learned that he passed away. He will be missed by so many people.

August 12 at 8:12 PM

GS

Garnet / Dick Shoaf posted:

We wish to express our deepest sympathy and send our condolences to Rick's Mom and the rest of the Gusic family. We are so sorry for your loss. Garnet & Dick

August 11 at 8:33 AM

AW

Andrea Watkins posted:

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God comfort you with His peace and strength.

August 8 at 4:15 AM

EV

Edward Vega posted:

My condolences to the family and friends of Rick. Rick was an extremely nice person I met at BJJ classes. I enjoyed rolling with him at open mat on Sundays because he was always a tough guy as well as thoughtful. At a tournament once he gave me words of encouragement when I was sitting there after losing. He'll be missed. Even though I wasn't a close friend like others at the gym were , I do consider him a friend. RIP

August 7 at 1:34 PM



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AW

Adam Webster posted:

Rick, you paddled into the big stuff and surfed it like that's what it was there for. I'm not talking about the foamy, fluffy, glassy, or perfect... I'm talking about Big Nasty and Coliseum at 5+ feet... like... you were saying to yourself, "I can do that." You'd ask, "Anyone else want to go with me.? Sometimes we did, but most times we watched you paddle in and come out with a smile. You'd say, "That was fun." Or, "I don't think that really worked out." Or... "I'm not sure I'd do that again." But, dang you could paddle, man. And it was fun while we did. Thanks for pushing limits and for being kind.

Attached are a few "Behind the Scenes" shots from the making of Team C videos-- these are from the Moose. -- Webster, A.

August 7 at 7:26 AM

KE

Kenneth Easter posted:

To Pat and Family, My family and I send our sincere and deepest condolences to you and your family. Our prayers are with you. we met your son when you and the family visited Becky in Philadelphia while she was in graduate school. We all went to dinner together and had a most wonderful evening. God bless you and your family. We are here for you. Take care. Your classmate, Kenny and Family

August 7 at 5:48 AM

JT

Jon Thomas posted:

I'm sorry I wasn't able to know Rick personally, but his support for our cause (Tap Cancer Out) was heartwarming and we are saddened to hear of his passing. We are thinking of him and his family today and will share a tribute to him on our Instagram page. His spirit will remain with us as we continue our fight.

August 7 at 5:34 AM

SA

Steve Arce posted:

Taught Jiu Jit Su to Rich for His Submissions in NHB and MMA Video Rest In Peace Old Friend 🙏❤️

August 6 at 7:40 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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