

FACEBOOK POSTINGS MEMORIES OF RIK AFTER 17 YEARS

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I posted this photo 7 years ago; this is Rik & I (photo taken in Malvern). Tonight, 17 years ago, Rik passed away, with family & friends present. I miss Rik, we were suppose to grow old together, but that didn't happen. Just remembering a remarkable man, who was born with a hole in his heart, had 4 open-heart surgeries, a major stroke, had 3rd degree burns & spent 3 months in the burn ward at UAMS....but, he never let any of these things get in his way. Rik was smart! He read the dictionary on a daily basis, taught himself how to use his computer, worked hard all his life - up until his 2nd heart surgery and then the stroke (it had taken his left arm & he learned how to walk again. Yes, I loved him & always will - there's always room enough in my heart for Rik and Ed. Just remembering Richard 'Rik' Lamkins...my 1st love...we met when I was 14 & he was 16.



Robin Beavers Christensen
I love this pic of you two! I remember your Richard! ♥

Jesse Coffman
Such a beautiful young couple!

Dorothy Johnson
Thank you Jesse. I remember one time at the Diamond Plant we had a Company Crawfish Boil. I brought Rik to the event &

Michael Tucker showed me how to peel the crawfish & then he peeled some crawfish for Rik. Just a memory!

Mary Frances Clark Edwards

this made me tear up. He was born at a time before fixing the hole in a heart was almost routine! (They fixed our little 4 year old's great grandson's heart and he is doing great.) I remember Uncle Herbert and Aunt Jewell being so protective of him. How did he get burned so bad? 😞

Dorothy Johnson

Roofing tar. He was in the back of the company pick-up truck, a car tried to pass & pulled back in striking the truck, truck flipped many times before Rik was thrown out, asphalt pot spilled out onto Rik. It was bad. He spent two nights in ICU at another hospital before being transported to UAMS.

Mary Frances Clark Edwards

That gives me chills, horrific, that poor man! 😞

Dorothy Johnson

They had to use an electric brush on the burns to get the dead skin off (debridement). His heart stopped once while I was in the room (from all the fluid they were giving him) - I ran out in the hall yelling for doctors/nurses - he came to with a doctor straddle him giving him CPR. My Rik was a real trooper!

Mary Frances Clark Edwards

Devastating! 😞

Jake Lamkins

The accident also broke his back but they did not diagnose it then. Years later when his back went out and surgery was required, they told him his back had been broken and that is what caused his back problems.

Mary Stone

Awwww Young Love !!!♥ 😊

Jake Lamkins

I'm wearing my "Rik shirt" today. He was the bravest person I've ever met. He faced death daily just about his entire life.

Dorothy Johnson

Jake, my pastor from church was in the room with me just a few days before when Rik said to me: "Now Dorothy, they say my kidneys are failing me, I want you to take good care of yourself." I reminded him of our plan that we had set up. He said, "OK." My pastor didn't know quite what to say. I don't think he ever heard anyone be so matter-of-fact about death. Rik was a man of few words. When he wrote a poem, it was always to the point or a short story, it was to the point. But, what he said was attention getting! He was my hero!

Linda Lamkins Todd

I loved Rik too!!! Such a funny, bright light to be taken to soon....miss you cuz, rip

David R. Davies

I've always loved this photo!

Dorothy Johnson

We were soooooo young there! Look how healthy Rik looked at the time. You'd never know he was so sick.

Joyce Ann Watts Foster

PRECIOUS MEMORIES WILL ALWAYS LINGER

Joyce Ann Watts Foster

Hugs

Jake Lamkins

<http://LAMKINS.tripod.com/Rik.html>

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Debbie Ennis Spears

I remember him. He was a very sweet man.

Michael Demoret

Rik and I loved to banter politics. we had some fun times back in the day. I still miss him.