



Rick R. Bailey

September 28, 1946 - August 26, 2025

Rick Roland Bailey, 78, of Kingsford passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025, in the comfort of his own home.

He was born in Ann Arbor on Sept. 28, 1946, son of the late Robert and Inger (Pedersen) Bailey. Right out of High School, Rick enlisted with the U.S. Navy serving 3 years during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged on Aug. 25, 1967, receiving several commendations. After his service in the Navy Rick started his lifelong career with the Ford Motor Company.

Rick's many joys of life were his love of his country, music, riding his motorcycle, and telling a good story. His love of country was evident not only in his service during wartime but in his work with veterans and as a combat veteran. With his high energy and harmonica in hand, "Sugar White" or "Bluesman" would steal the stage as a passionate member of the "Sons of Legend"/"Red, White & Blues Band". Rick was also a dedicated member of the LongRiders M/C and was always up for a ride. Whether it be at a concert, at the Clubhouse or just out on the town, many were captured by Rick's stories and his great sense of humor. His friendship and authenticity will be deeply missed.

Rick leaves behind his life partner, Linda Granquist; 2 daughters, Traci Sullivan and Teri Ercoli; 2 granddaughters, Maya and Serena Jenson; brother,

Wayne Bailey; Linda's daughter, Christy Mitchem; feline companion, Sidvicious "Sid" Bailey; and many close relatives and friends that become his family.

Please join us to celebrate Rick's life at the LongRiders M/C Clubhouse, 772 Boyle Dr. in Kingsford, starting at 1:00 p.m. on Oct. 12, 2025, with full military honors at 3:00 p.m.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Rick Bailey online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
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Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
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Celebration of Life

OCT **12**. 1:00 PM (CT)

LongRiders M/C Clubhouse
772 Boyle Dr.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Sympathy and condolences to the family. Rick was a great guy who I spent quite a few years with and many fun times. Took me on my first cruse (blues/booze). He will be missed. Carol B.*

Carol Birmingham - September 02, 2025 at 03:41 PM

KH

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Ricks passing. I'm glad I was able to been able to know him. We've had some fun times.*

Kathleen Head - August 29, 2025 at 04:34 AM

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Rick "Sugar White" Bailey was a classy guy who played a mean blues harp. RIP Buddy.

Steve Harris - August 29, 2025 at 02:36 PM