



Mr. Ricky Allen Purdy

April 22, 1954 - September 19, 2016

Ricky Allen Purdy, 62, of DeWitt died September 19, 2016. He was born April 22, 1954, in DeWitt to G.W. and Ann Purdy.

Ricky was a welder and business owner in DeWitt, and was a member of Unity Baptist Church. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed participating in bow shooting competitions. He was a black belt in Taiho-Ryu karate and opened one of the first Dojo in DeWitt.

He was preceded in death by his parents and nephew, Matthew Purdy.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Purdy; two children Nic Purdy and wife Stacy and Amber Purdy all of Sherwood; one brother Randy Purdy of Jonesboro; one sister Rachelle McCarty and husband Tim of Redfield; and nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be September 21 from 5:00 to 6:30 at Essex Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 September 22 at Essex Funeral Home with burial in Cedarcrest Memorial Gardens by Essex Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be sent to DeWitt Nursing Home, P.O.Box 428, DeWitt, AR 72042.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Saddened beyond words when I was advised with Aunt Hopes message of your passing.. Took a seat and then a knee as I was overcome by a flood of childhood memories and past adventures with you Ricky.. I have and will always miss you.. Tony*

James A. Wells - April 27, 2018 at 01:00 PM

EW

“ *Sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you all.*

Ethel Waldrop - April 27, 2018 at 01:00 PM

JW

“ *Sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you all.*

Joe Waldrop - April 27, 2018 at 01:00 PM

DW

“ *I'm so sorry I found out that Ricky had passed away too late to attend the funeral. My prayers go out to his family in this time of loss. He was my only student to make shodan (1st degree black belt) at the Stuttgart Taiho-Ryu dojo -- a dedicated karate student and a good friend. He will be remembered and missed.*

David Wood - April 27, 2018 at 01:00 PM