



Richard E. "Dick" Sidle

March 4, 1942 - January 23, 2024

Richard (Dick) E. Sidle, 81, of Jonestown, passed away on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of Debra J. Keath Sidle. On August 3rd, they celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary.

Born in Bowmansdale on March 4, 1942, he was the son of the late John T. and Clara E. Williams Sidle. He was a graduate with the Lebanon High School Class of 1960. Following high school, Dick enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he proudly served his country from 1960-1964 during the Vietnam War. After his time in the Marines, he began working at Lebanon Valley Offset and later founded his first motorcycle dealership, the Bul-Pen, where his passion for motorcycles and entrepreneurship began.

In 1977, Dick helped build one of the premier motocross tracks in the Northeast; Sleepy Hollow Motocross Park, located in Fredericksburg. He sponsored and helped countless local riders who competed in the sport. To many he was considered a motocross legend, and still is to this day.

Building on his love of motorcycles, in 1978 he founded and was the owner of Lebanon Valley Honda in Jonestown (later known as Lebanon Valley Cycles) until his well-deserved retirement in 2019. During this time, he helped many motorcycle enthusiasts follow their dream while passionately serving his community. He was a member of the PA Motorcycle Dealers Association, the AMA District 6, and a life member of the AMA and the NRA. In 2021, he was inducted into the District 6 Motocross Hall of Fame.

In his spare time, he loved to travel the country on his motorcycle, as well as going to motocross races where he created lifelong memories with his family and friends. Dick meant so much to so many, which earned him the nickname "Sweetness". He had a larger-than-life personality, and was always willing to give the shirt off his back to help others. He lived life to the absolute fullest. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his loving children (Kyle, Nikki, Rachel, PJ, and Jenny; Kim, Rick, and Deb) and their significant others, his grandchildren, and his brother (Raymond Sidle), all of whom he loved dearly with all his heart, and his best buddy and golden retriever, Zeke. He was preceded in death by his brother Robert Sidle. Dick is adored and lovingly remembered.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family and a Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ I am not sure if you remember me, Deb. I worked with Bruce Johnson and Rose Jeffries for the PA Motorcycle Dealers Association in the early 2000's. Dick was one of the first dealers I met. He was the sweetest man. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



Deb (Hildesheim) Shoemaker

Deb Shoemaker - January 31, 2024 at 09:48 PM

JM

“ Condolences to the Sidle family. I will forever remember Dick's infectious smile. I always looked forward coming to the shop to see him!
Dick, I'll see you at the parade this fall. Love ya buddy.

Jack Miller - January 26, 2024 at 06:05 PM

PM

“ Pagoda Board and Members purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard E. "Dick" Sidle.



Pagoda Board and Members - January 26, 2024 at 09:51 AM

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“ Pagoda Board and Members planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard E. "Dick" Sidle.

Pagoda Board and Members - January 26, 2024 at 09:51 AM

CE

“ So sorry for your loss, Dick was a good one!

Chris Eugster - January 26, 2024 at 09:51 AM



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January 26, 2024 at 09:39 AM

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“ Condolences to the family of Dick from his LHS Class of 60 classmates. Rest in peace, Dick.

LHS Class of 1960 - January 25, 2024 at 01:22 PM

MH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a legend and always will be.
Matt Howton

Matthew Howton - January 25, 2024 at 01:05 PM

BM

“ Sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking with Dick. He was one of the good ones.

Budd Matto - January 25, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ *My Condolences to the family. Dick was a great guy who was always willing to help is fellow motorcycle enthusiast. He helped get me started in Motocross racing back when he owned the Bull Pen. He had all of the latest motorcycle gear. Back in 1977 when I wasn't old enough to drive, I was traveling to a race with Scott Tobias who had just purchased a new 125cc Montessa from Dick. We were at a night race down near spring grove when after the race Scott's truck would not start. We ended up sleeping in the truck that night and Dick drove back down in the morning to help get the truck running again. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.*

Greg Rzeplinski - January 25, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ *I'm sorry to hear this news . I remember Dick sponsoring some of the great racers I looked up to as a kid. Lebanon valley cycles was a powerhouse in the sport. I think he Evan sponsored the dash for cash in the 80 's . I got a chance to catch up with Dick a few years back at Pine Grove , he was there watching Kyle turn some laps. Great guy and will surely be missed. My thought and prayers go out to his Family. Sincerely Ty Wallace*

tywallace - January 25, 2024 at 08:53 AM

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“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Nicole Sidle - January 25, 2024 at 08:28 AM

CM

“ *Cliff Murray*

Debra Keath Sidle I am so sorry for the family. Dick was the nicest person I ever met in the motorcycle industry. Our 9000 mile motorcycle trip around the USA was a joy. Our times at the manufacturer meetings were so much fun. All of us touring New Zealand on bikes was a great adventure. Just don't ask him to be "tour guide"! The man was so forthright and honest and a true friend that never gave reason for doubts. He always told me the nicest things about all of his family and was genuinely thankful for you all. I hope that I see him again if I can sneak into heaven(doubtful!). I am in FloriDA(Dick's pronunciation) so please know that it is not reasonable for me to join you all but I will mourn Dick for a long time. Cliff

Cliff Murray - January 25, 2024 at 08:18 AM

JB

“ *Deb & family, so very sorry to hear about Dick. We certainly shared some good times & we put a lot of custom Goldwing's out in as many states as possible. Customers loved coming to the shop just to chat with him. He sometimes gave me special missions, like sneak this vehicle in by the house and take the truck out. It's a present for Deb and don't let her see you. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.*

Rest in peace Marine, you served your country well.

Jim & Mary Boyer

James Boyer - January 24, 2024 at 06:52 PM