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REST IN PEACE, DICK VAN RAAPHORST, MY BELOVED NEPHEW

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It's with a great sadness in my heart that I report the death of my oldest nephew, Richard William ("Dick") Van Raaphorst, on October 3, 2020, in San Diego, California. He was born December 10, 1942, in Port Huron, Michigan.

Dick and I go "way back" – although I am officially his aunt, he was just two years younger than I, and we hung out like siblings during our early life in Michigan. Besides being grateful to have had a fun little brother in my childhood I've always loved and appreciated the integrity and character he developed as an adult. I will miss him very, very much.



Dick and I in Marysville, Michigan



My front yard on Gratiot Blvd, Marysville, Michigan



Easter, about 1947



*Dick, his brother Bob, and Anna,
about 1948*



van Raaphorst family in Charlevoix, Michigan: John, Bob, Anna, Dick, Bill



Anna and Dick in Charlevoix, Michigan



Dick V, Anna, and Dick J at Avaya Stadium, San Jose, California, 2019

My nephew and I were born at a time when all the adults around us were preoccupied with world wars and things, and we knew how to have fun in spite of all that. In more recent times we didn't see each other that much, but there was always a real depth of understanding between us. I think "soulmates" would not be too strong a word. If you have one or two, cherish them while you have them.

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