



Martin "Marty" J. Potasky

August 20, 1938 - April 6, 2020

Martin "Marty" J. Potasky, age 82, of Crown Point, IN passed away on Monday, April 6, 2020. Marty was born in Chicago, IL and founded South Suburban Triumph/BMW of South Chicago Heights, IL. He had a passion for motorcycle riding and spending time with his family and friends. For all that knew Marty, they know he is one not soon to be forgotten. Marty is survived by his loving family including his wife, Diana Potasky, son, Scott Potasky and daughters, Suzanne (Hunter) Fisher, Renee (Timothy) Kieper and Debra (Michael) Varichak. He is also survived by his sisters, Ruth Seban and Patricia Rybinski and brother-in-law, Douglas Waddicar. Marty had numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews who he adored. Marty was preceded in death by his parents, Martin J. Potasky, Sr. and Mary Pat Potasky as well as his father-in-law, Matthew Horvath and mother-in-law, Dorothy Horvath, sister-in-law, Darleen "Sally" Waddicar, brother-in-law, LeRoy Rybinski, niece, Tammy Schweiger and nephew, Paul Waddicar. Private funeral services have been entrusted to Burns Funeral Home in Crown Point, IN. A celebration of Marty's life will be planned for a later date. www.burnsfuneral.com

"Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul."

Tribute Wall

BC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Marty's passing. Please extend my condolences to the entire family. My 3 year stint working with Marty just after he opened the bike shop were some of the most fun times in my life. I stopped into the shop to buy a battery for my Ducati, and inquired about getting a part time job. I had just been discharged from the Air Force and was starting college at Prairie State. He asked me if I could fix the Honda 750 in the shop that had a broken crankcase from a chain failure. I said no, but the same thing happened to mine and I had a shop in Crete weld the crack for \$50. He was impressed with my creative solution, and hired me on the spot, even though I didn't really know much at all.

I still remember so many of the crazy antics we all did. Marty doing wheelies on his Triumph Trident in front of the shop. TorqueFlight coming to the shop every Friday night. John Jacobsen coming in regularly. The bike rides that always ended up in Sauk Village where we drank coffee and ate and talked for a few hours. (That's where I learned to drink coffee!) Our trip around Lake Michigan when I hit a deer on my Moto Guzzi. I rode back seat with Marty for another 8 hours back to IL.

I drove the Blue MG Midget that I bought from him (one of the girls owned it) for almost 20 years! One night Marty and Torque got into it at the same time, and they couldn't get the doors to close. We laughed our butts off! Those were fun years, and I was fortunate to be part of the shop and the family.

Best wishes to all of you, and wishing you comfort in your time of loss.

Bob Coverdill (Jan 1979-August 1981)

Savoy, IL (bob@coverdill.net)

Bob Coverdill - April 24, 2020 at 12:28 AM

JJ

“ My dear friend of 50 years. 50 years of great adventures, good times, and a lifetime of laughs. I will always miss you. The picture was taken the last day the shop was open. Until we ride together again.💔



John Jacobson - April 13, 2020 at 06:01 PM

PK
Renee

Thank you for sharing, John!

PK Renee - April 14, 2020 at 11:44 PM

SF

Thank You for sharing great memories.Sue

sue potasky fisher - April 15, 2020 at 09:09 AM

PK
Renee

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



PK Renee - April 12, 2020 at 11:32 AM

SU

The days have gone by & I still think of you & laugh at silly things in our time together. The time you asked Hunter why was he driving the BWW going 125 mph in the pouring rain & Hunter comes up with that piece of s__t you sold me wouldn't go any faster. Wow did everyone there chuckled.

*Dad you gave me that need for speed and had the best times doing it.
Love ya dad*

sue - April 18, 2020 at 07:06 PM

PK
Renee

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



PK Renee - April 11, 2020 at 09:50 AM

JH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



JEFFERY HADDON - April 10, 2020 at 10:33 AM

SF

What a wonderful picture

Suzanne Potasky Fisher - April 10, 2020 at 01:35 PM



Thank you for sharing!!

PK Renee - April 10, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ May the Sun forever shine on your face and the wind be in your hair, Till we ride together again my friend "GOD SPEED" ”

JEFFERY HADDON - April 10, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" J. Potasky . ”



April 09, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" J. Potasky . ”



April 07, 2020 at 04:57 PM



*“ Our love, thoughts & prayers are with the family at this time. Rest in peace, Marty.
Fred & JoAnn Jacobi ”*

Fred & JoAnn Jacobi - April 07, 2020 at 03:48 PM

PT

*Sending my thoughts and prayers
So sorry to hear this. I bought my triumph from him and 10 years later
sold it back to him
I have known the family almost 50years
Rest in peace Marty and my condolence to all of you*

Patricia Thomas - April 07, 2020 at 04:58 PM

SF

*Dad I'm going to miss you with all my heart. You'll now be my guardian
Angel watching over me. I Day we'll meet and we can drag race
together and I'll beat you off the line and win because your the one
who put me in that black rambler when I was. 4 or 5 can gave me the
need to be the quick chick they called xena. Love bunch Dad*

suzanne Fisher - April 07, 2020 at 05:25 PM

JB

*Deepest Condolences and Sympatnty to the family.
Rest In Peace Marty 🙏🙏*

judith Brucato - April 10, 2020 at 07:03 PM

TL

*I came to know both Marty and Scott, as a customer, having purchased
two bikes from them while living in Illinois. I will always remember
hanging out at South Suburban BMW, especially when I was
downsized out of a job years back. I could always go to the dealership
and hear some great stories from Marty over coffee. My condolences
to the family.*

Tom Locashio, Rio Rancho, New Mexico

Tom Locashio - April 10, 2020 at 10:46 PM

CP

*Prayers for the family. Marty, rest in peace, Love, Charlie and Fran
Pease*

charlie and fran pease - April 11, 2020 at 11:34 AM

TC

On behalf of the Chicago Region BMW Owners Association, please accept our sincerest condolences. Many of us purchased bikes, parts, and accessories from Marty over the years, and many more of us knew him personally and enjoyed hanging out at the shop. He will be missed.

Tim Colburn - April 18, 2020 at 03:07 PM



Dad I miss you

Sue Potasky-Fisher - May 20, 2020 at 12:57 AM