



Richard "Dick" Roberts

October 30, 1925 - September 14, 2012

GREENFIELD – Richard “Dick” Roberts, age 86, died Friday, September 14, 2012 at Community Hospital East. Born on October 30, 1925 in Indianapolis, he was the son of R. Earl and Margaret (Adkins) Roberts. He graduated from Arsenal Tech High School in 1943. He married Helen L. (Anderson) Roberts on July 29, 1961.

Richard worked for The Indianapolis Star for 38 years before retiring in 1990. He was a member of Masonic Lodge #720 F&AM and served on the Lawrence Town Board.

Surviving him are his sons, Richard (Debbie) Roberts of Carmel, Bill (Sandy) Abston of Lawrence, Charles Roberts of Clearwater, Florida, and Kenneth Roberts of Clayton; daughters, Nancy (Nick) Brown of Macy, Sandy (Joseph) Smith of Lancaster, Ohio, Patty (Mike) Vandemark of Atlanta, Georgia, Bonnie Robinson of New Palestine, and Cindy Bright of Florida; 24 grandchildren; and 22, great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents, Earl and Margaret Roberts; wife, Helen Roberts; brother, Charles Pearson; and sister, Peggy Wagner.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, September 18, from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary in Greenfield. Funeral services will follow with a Masonic service beginning at 6:30 p.m. Burial will take place at a later date.

Friends may share a memory or send a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com or email condolences to sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com.

Events

SEP 18 **Visitation** 03:00PM - 07:00PM

Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - Greenfield
1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

SEP 18 **Service** 07:00PM - 08:00PM

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Comments



“ I met Dick when he was an editorial writer for the Star in the 1960s. I worked for the Associated Press at the time. I recall his low, gruff voice which belied his friendly nature. He was an excellent writer. When a young Star investigative reporter was assigned to live on the streets for a couple weeks so he could write a gritty first-person story, and then the reporter died -- Dick got the unenviable task of having to ghost-write a series of articles based on the reporter's daily journal. It was a great effort on Dick's part. I think, but I'm not sure if he wrote with the likes of Dick Cady on the Star's award-winning Investigative Reporting Team. In any case, he was a neat person!...Paul Petrotta

Paul Petrotta - October 08, 2012 at 02:13 AM



“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Dick Roberts, My name is Roberta Joy (Roberts) Wilson. My dad was Bill Roberts, Earls brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Roberta Joy (Roberts) Wilson - September 17, 2012 at 05:52 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Steven and Grandpa



Deb Roberts - September 17, 2012 at 04:18 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Deb Roberts - September 17, 2012 at 04:16 PM



“ Peace be with you Grandpa, you are now with Grandma and no longer sad or lonely from her passing before you. So sorry to you and our family that Jeff and I (Anita) could not be present to offer our sincere condolences and give you our words of parting. Love you very much, and will miss you greatly. Always will you be close to our hearts, and may we all follow your words of wisdom.

Anita Dienes - September 17, 2012 at 02:49 PM



“ Sandy - the entire Medill Elementary and Lancaster City School District staff sends you and your family our deepest, deepest sympathy. Our prayers abound for you.

Dr. Sandra Svoboda - September 17, 2012 at 01:19 PM



“ Kenneth Scott McDonald lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Roberts



Kenneth Scott McDonald - September 16, 2012 at 10:01 PM



“ Dear Grandpa, It's Dusty in Florida. Just wanted to say I love you forever and always. I'm sorry we could not be there to see you off. But I know you are finally resting next to your wife of so many years. We will carry you and Grandma with us always, I hope you guys are looking down on us and know we love you always. Even though we did not get to see you much in these later years. I will make sure my kids know who you guys were. So with that I thank you for eveything you and Grandma did for us when we were kids, now go be in peace and tell Grandma we said hi. Love you forever and always.



September 16, 2012 at 08:33 PM