



Richard Simko, Sr.

August 3, 1933 - February 19, 2009

Richard Simko, Sr. age 75, of Portage, IN, formerly of Gary, IN, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family after a 25 year battle with Lupus. Rich is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Phyllis; 2 sons, Rick (Wendy) of Georgetown, TN, Tim (Angie) of Portage, IN, and 4 daughters, Debbie (Kevin) King of Bellefonte, PA, Shari (Claude) Abbott of Merrillville, IN, Joni (Jim) Oliver of Portage, IN, Donna (Tom) Spears of Hobart, IN; 15 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren; brothers, John (Marge) of Hebron, IN, Jimmy (Beverly) of Valparaiso, IN; sisters-in-law, Jeanne Simko of Crown Point, IN and Kate Simko of Portage, IN; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Eva Simko, 3 brothers, Andrew, Mike and Bob; 3 sisters, Ann, Mary and Helen and granddaughter, Megan Ann. Richard was a member of St. Joan of Arc Church in Merrillville, IN. He was a founding member of the lupus Foundation for Northwest Indiana Chapter, worked as a motor inspector at the #210 Plate Mill, active member of Isaac Walton League, he played mush ball, was active in the CYO Golden Gloves, coached biddy basketball and loved fishing. The family would like to invite all their friends and family to visit with them at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN on Monday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a celebration of Richard's life from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church, 200 E. 78th Ave., Merrillville, IN. Rev. Andrew Corona officiating. Richard will lie in state at the church on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. www.burnsfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Shari Abbott daughter, Dad I want you to know how much I miss you, your in my thoughts and prayers daily. I love you so much and cherish all the good times we had together. Good bye for now.*



Shari Abbott - November 01, 2022 at 05:06 PM



“ *Our deepest thoughts are with you and your family.##imported-begin##David Jr, Tracey, Jordan and Austin Simko##imported-end##*

February 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Phyllis & family,
Our deepest condolences during this most difficult.##imported-begin##Pat & Ed Zapinski##imported-end##*

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“ *For all of those that knew my dad he will be missed in all our hearts. He was a fighter till the end, never giving up on life. He was such a special man who touched so many of us with his brave heart. Remember his smile!##imported-begin##Joni-daughter##imported-end##*

February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Rich... I'm gonna miss you xox always & forever you will be in my heart as the best God Father on earth & the best \"Uncle\" too! xox
I bet those wooden nickles are pretty shiny up there!!
love you xox###imported-begin##Dee Dee (Horvat)
Allemon###imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. Wish we could be their with you. Uncle Rich has always held a very special place in our hearts. He will be greatly missed.###imported-begin##David and Susan Simko Sr###imported-end##

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