



Mr. Richard Walter Wierzba

December 4, 1936 - April 27, 2022

Richard (Dick) Walter Wierzba, age 85, of Lowell, IN, passed away in the comfort of his home Wednesday April 27, 2022. He was born to Walter and Irene Wierzba (nee Leight) on December 4, 1936. Richard is survived by his sister-in-law Barbara Jasin of Crown Point; children- Sherrie (Barry) Van Deursen of Lowell, Nancy (Tom) Reed of Zionsville, Ronnie (Rose) Wierzba of DeMotte; grandchildren- Casey (Todd) Pflughoeft, Jillian (Nathan) Billhorn, Matthew (Katie) Van Deursen, Cody (McKinley) Van Deursen, Tyler (Tiffany) Reed, Luke Reed, Joshua (Dana) Wierzba, Lauren (Adam) Gierke, great grandchildren- Alexandra, Emma, Ashton, Abigail, Beckett, Hudson, Brecken, Max, Grayson, Oliver, Mary, Vivienne, Julia, Maggie, Henry, Wyatt, Jude, Lincoln, Hadley, Jack and Grant; nieces- Suzie (Doug) Roe, Janet Foster; and great nephew-Kyle.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, beloved wife- Elsie, brother- Ronald Edward Wierzba; great grandson- Alexander Thomas Reed, and granddaughter- Mallory Lynn Jarvis.

Richard led a very blessed and full life. He proudly served in the United States Navy on the U.S.S. Sigourney and was a member of the Tin Can Sailors. He went on to work for Wonder Bread for several years. Richard partnered with his father eventually becoming owner of Ridge Car Wash until his retirement. Richard was a Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons State of Indiana 2001-2002, member of Glen Park Lodge #732. Also, 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, Valley of South Bend and Valley

of Terre Haute; Orak Shriners, Hospital Ushers, Valparaiso York Rites, St. James Conclave, Bartimaeus Lodge, KYCH priory #76, National Sojourners, Yeoman of York, and the Order of the Eastern Star. He was also a member of the American Legion #485, NRA, and the Gary Sportsman Club. Beyond all of this, his most earthly passion was the love of his family and friends. He was our/their biggest cheerleader. He never failed us! He was a good and faithful servant.

Friends are invited to visit with Richards family on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 2-8pm at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway Crown Point, IN 46307.

Funeral Service will be on Wednesday May 4, 2022 at 10am at the funeral home with Pastor Chuck Hochmuth officiating. Entombment at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, IN. Masonic Service Tuesday at 6:30pm.

Contributions may be made to shrinerschildrens.org or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital- st.jude.org

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Entombment

MAY 4 (CT)

Calumet Park Cemetery
2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Tribute Wall

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“ My prayers are with all of you during this difficult and sad time. I have fond memories of times I spent with him growing up. This was especially at our grandparents home during family gatherings. He was always fun to be around always smiling. Throughout the years whenever I would see him he still had that big smile on his face and cheerful. He was a wonderful person and will be missed by many.

Bobbie Dakich - May 03, 2022 at 08:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Walter Wierzba.



May 03, 2022 at 12:32 PM

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“ Celia Wallace (Cheetos) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Walter Wierzba



Celia Wallace (Cheetos) - May 02, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Walter Wierzba.



May 02, 2022 at 08:57 AM



“ I was extremely saddened to learn of Dickies passing. I will always remember him as a very wise man that knew what was truly important in life. Family and friends. He consistently lived that truth. Whenever I was able to enjoy a conversation with him, I left that conversation a wiser and better person. May God bless you Dickie. I consider it a privilege to have known you.
Michael Caudill

michael caudill - May 01, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ I recall grand memories of Richard in our Masonic Fraternity. I know for him the struggle is over, God Speed, may he rest in peace.

J B Allen

J B Allen - May 01, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Walter Wierzba.



May 01, 2022 at 10:42 AM

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“ We are very sorry to learn of Richard's passing. Although I didn't know him personally, I have seen him many times and his name is well known within the Indiana Masonic Lodges. We fondly pay tribute to our Masonic brothers who have lived long on this earth. Our Masonic Lodge in Bloomington, IN will honor him with a short memorial service at our next meeting.

His spiritual building is complete and he has gone to receive his wages. “Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord.”

*Bob Braunlin
Monroe Lodge 22, Bloomington*

Bob Braunlin - May 01, 2022 at 07:29 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.burnsfuneral.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Walter Wierzba.

April 30, 2022 at 10:52 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Walter Wierzba.



April 29, 2022 at 10:54 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences to all. My Godfather, my cousin my friend. I will miss all of our weekly phone calls. We would talk and laugh and laugh some more.

He was so proud of his family (and that's one Big Family) and loved them all. Thank you for being so good to me and my family.

My heart is breaking!!!

You will be missed. We love you.

Carla & Eddie Stankus

Carla Stankus - April 29, 2022 at 09:59 PM