



Richard "Dick" Emling

September 5, 1949 - March 12, 2026

Richard "Dick" Emling, age 76 of Bourbonnais, passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at his home. He was born on September 5, 1949, in Kankakee, the son of Harold and Alice (Yeates) Emling. Richard married Debra Buza on August 7, 1971, at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church in Herscher.

Richard was a contractor and millworker by trade. He was co-owner of Emlings Components and Millwork in Herscher. Richard was past president of the Herscher Chamber of Commerce, board member of the Herscher Improvement Corporation, and a volunteer fireman and EMT. He loved golfing and playing Euchre. Richard was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and Chicago Bears. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

Richard was a veteran of the United States Navy serving from 1968 to 1970 at the Naval Base Rota in Spain.

Richard was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving is his wife, Debra of Bourbonnais; one son, Tony Emling of Bourbonnais; two daughters, Tammy Beck of Bradley and Tracy (Eric) of Limestone; two grandchildren, Isaac and Maya; one sister, Linda (Eric) Coleman of AZ; many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. Richard is preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Roger Emling. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at Sacred Heart

Catholic Church in Goodrich, IL. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Goodrich, IL. A luncheon held at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Goodrich, IL following the burial.

Memorials may be made to the Family Wishes.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

Goodrich, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Goodrich, IL

Tribute Wall

PL

“ Spent a lot of years working at Emlings along side Dick, Harold, and Roger. My wife and I are very sorry to hear of Dicks passing. May he rest in peace and his family find comfort in knowing that. He will be missed.

Pat and Jenny Lowe

Patrick Lowe - March 21 at 08:11 AM

BG

“ Sorry to hear of the Dick's passing. I remember many holidays at the Emling grandparent house with us older cousins. We were allowed to play in the back bedroom of the upstairs of the old farmhouse. It was not well heated in the winter but we always had a great time up there away from the adults.

I think the last time I saw Dick in person he was yelling my maiden name across our church parking lot here in Macomb. I was very surprised to hear my maiden name and also very surprised to see Dick since none of the other Emling families came way out here to Macomb.

*Love and hugs to all his family,
Barb (Emling) Grindstaff*

Barb Grindstaff - March 19 at 10:08 AM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss Debbie and family. May your memories bring you comfort during these difficult days.

Jill Christy - March 18 at 10:13 PM

RG

“ Robert Gessner lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Emling



Robert Gessner - March 16 at 04:06 PM

CH

“ So very sorry, Deb and family. Thinking of you at this difficult time. Prayers and hugs to you. 🙏❤️

Cindy Hebert - March 16 at 11:32 AM

SS

“ Sandra And Monty Smith lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Emling



sandra and Monty Smith - March 15 at 10:04 AM

MZ

“ Marilyn Zippa lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Emling



Marilyn Zippa - March 14 at 03:10 PM

DC

“ I’m so sorry for your loss, Deb.
Dick was always your “Elvis” in disguise.
He was such a jovial man. We are thinking of
you



Debbie Cooke - March 14 at 03:08 PM

GB

“ Gloria Bydalek lit a candle in memory of
Richard "Dick" Emling



Gloria Bydalek - March 14 at 03:00 PM

GB

*Sending condolences to family and friends. Grew up in Herscher so
knew well. Remember all the good times to help you through*

Gloria Bydalek - March 14 at 03:01 PM

SS

Prayers and lighting a candle for Dick 🙏🙏🙏

Sandra Smith - March 14 at 03:58 PM

SS

So Sorry Debbie and Tony and Family ❤️

sandra and Monty Smith - March 15 at 10:09 AM