



Richard H Fitch

May 5, 1929 - September 28, 2019

Richard "Dick" H. Fitch, 90, of Herscher passed away September 28, 2019 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born May 5, 1929 in Newark, NY to Edward and Rose (Case) Fitch. Dick married Elizabeth (DeVelder) February 16, 1947 and she died January 30, 1986. He married Dolores (Riley) March 14, 1987 and she died November 24, 2013.

Richard was a paper manufacturing supervisor and retired from Riverwood International. He was a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Herscher, IL, former president of Legion of Mary Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, "Honor Guard", former village board member, Eucharistic Minister, prison ministries and did volunteer work at hospitals, nursing homes and veterans' hospitals. He enjoyed bowling, horseshoes, golf, traveling, Karaoke at Crazy Joe's and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law; Mike (Liesel Bonawitz) Fitch, of Macedon, NY, Dan (Stella) Fitch of Randolph, WI, Rick (JoEllen) Riley of Bradley, IL, Ronald (Beth) Riley of Brea, CA, Gary (Jenny) Riley of Gardner, IL, his daughters and son-in-law; Nancy (Harold) Welcher of Newark, NY, Amy Fritz, (Jay Galligan) of Kankakee, IL, Cindy (Ron) Gagnon of Kankakee, IL, Rhonda (Joe) Berns of Herscher, IL, Kathy (Rodney) Meli of Kankakee, IL, 26 grandchildren and 42 great grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother, Jim (Donna) Fitch of Fairport, NY and a brother-in-law, Harry (Phyllis) Bailey of Lyons, NY and special friend Verna Tompkins.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Elizabeth, his wife,

Dolores, a son, Timmy Fitch 2 sisters; Janet Bailey and Helen Smith and a grandson, Ryan Gagnon.

A visitation will be 4- 8 pm Wednesday, October, 2, 2019 at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel. The funeral will be 11 am, Thursday, October 3, 2019 at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley and Masses.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
207 E Fifth
Herscher, IL 60941

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard H Fitch*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I met Dick at a Christian retreat when I came to faith in Christ in April 1992. I loved him & his wife Delores. They were both wonderful people. He will be missed by family & friends. So long, Dick. God bless you, buddy.*

Roger Robinson - May 01, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ *Jerry and Beverly Vernon send our condolences to the family. We will miss him at Crazy Joes Diner , hearing him sing . He always had a smile.*

Jerry Vernon - October 05, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ *I was blessed to work with Fitchy at Riverwood International. He and his BFF, Dick O were great guys. And real characters. I am sure Fichyys friends and family will forever be sharing stories. Laugh and cry, it is good for the soul. Barbara LeClair Lee, from Safety Harbor Florida. God bless us all.*

Barbara Lee - October 02, 2019 at 04:26 PM



Barb, thank you so much! You're right! Dad left us a ton of stories to share for years! Sending my love, Amy..

Amy Fritz - October 08, 2019 at 09:39 PM

CF

“ We are so sorry to hear of Dick passing. We are thinking that the world is a better place because of Dick. Always thoroughly enjoyed talking with him. Especially at the meetings. He will be sorely missed.

Carol and Joseph Fritz - October 02, 2019 at 02:31 PM

TB

“ Tracy Bertrand lit a candle in memory of Richard H Fitch



Tracy Bertrand - October 02, 2019 at 12:29 AM

CG

“ We are going to miss your smiling face at karaoke forever. I will never forget when I asked you to sing my Grandma's favorite song, *The Old Rugged Cross*, for me and the smile on your face at being asked. I can't believe how quick we all became family over a song. RIP and keep waltzing my friend. Our love and prayers go out to all your family as they start on their new journey of learning to live without you. Love you always, Clara, Mike and the girls.

Clara Szabo & Mike Griffin - October 01, 2019 at 09:44 PM

GP

“ I'm Sorry For Your Loss May God Comfort you



Gloria Parker - October 01, 2019 at 09:09 PM

NZ

“ Bowled with Dick and Dolores on Sunday nights in Dwight. What a great guy, always smiling. We will miss him dearly. Prayers to the family. RIP friend.

Nick @ LeAnne Zerebny - October 01, 2019 at 05:43 PM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard H Fitch



MR MRS - October 01, 2019 at 11:52 AM

TT

“ Dick was my favorite customer at crazy Joe's. I looked forward to seeing his smiling face. I always made time to join him in a song at karaoke. He will be greatly missed. I will think of him often, especially when I hear Crazy by Patsy Cline . That was one of our favorites. My heart goes out to his friends and family. My condolences.



Tina Tauberschmidt - October 01, 2019 at 10:54 AM



“ Light Blue Rose with White Daisy was purchased for the family of Richard H Fitch.



October 01, 2019 at 08:36 AM

MB

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences.*

Jim & Mary Kay Beedle

Mary Kay Beedle - October 01, 2019 at 01:30 AM

BW

“ *Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and Prayers to all families and friends.
Very nice gentleman. Bob and Dana Warhurst.*

BOBBY WARHURST - September 30, 2019 at 09:09 PM