



## Richard F. Eckel

March 14, 1934 - July 8, 2020

Richard Eckel, 86 of Rushville, passed away on July 8, 2020 in Rushville. He was born on March 14, 1934 in Rushville to the late Florentine and Ruth (Bennett) Eckel. Richard was a 1952 graduate of Rushville High School. He married his high school sweetheart Delilah Mae (Allen) Eckel on June 15, 1953 and she survives. Richard was a graduate of Rutgers University. Upon graduation he was a five star athlete and signed with the Detroit Tigers. Richard still played tennis and softball for much of his adult life. He was in the U.S. Army Reserves for 6 years. Richard was a member of Center Christian Church.

Richard started working at Rushville National Bank in 1956 as a collector and worked his way up to bank president and board member before retiring after 35 plus years. During that time he was also instrumental in bringing Fujitsu 10 to Rushville. He was on the board of Chamber of Commerce and also served as president. Richard was citizen of the year.

Richard organized for several years what was the 2nd biggest parades of Indiana for the annual car show and bands from all over eastern US with blimps and Clydesdales. He was the first original member of the Boys Club and served on the board for several years. Richard was a member of the Elks Lodge, past member of Breakfast Optimist Club and Rotary. He organized several benefits for individuals in need. Richard participated in many Rush County Players productions and member Rush County Stock Club.

Richard loved his Chicago Bears & Cubs and Indiana Pacers & IU. He also

loved his 4 cats, Hemi, Snickers, Sugar and Goldie. Richard was known for his love of cars, mainly all things MOPAR. He has been a car collector for over fifty years.

Richard considered his family as his greatest accomplishment and his 67 year marriage to his high school sweetheart.

In addition to his loving wife, Delilah (Allen) Eckel, he is survived by his daughters, Deloris (Garry) Hickman and Cheryl Eckel, daughter-in-law, Karrie Eckel; grandchildren, Aaron (Treva) Hickman, Amanda (Jim) Draper, Shannon Herrell, Heather (Trevor Kelley) Eckel and great-grandchildren, Austin Hickman, Alexis Hickman, Duncan Draper, Devan Draper, Delaney Draper, Ezra Allen Eckel, Brooke Herrell and Brayden Herrell.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents, son, Richard Allen Eckel and daughter, Kathleen Louise Eckel.

Services will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 1 PM in Center Christian Church, with Pastor Darryl Denney presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 11 AM until the time of service in the church. Burial will be held in Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Rushville Parks Department, Rushville Animal Shelter, Rushville Boys and Girls Club, or Center Christian Church. Richard loved people, life, and being happy.

# Cemetery Details

## **Calvary Cemetery**

Ft. Wayne Rd.  
Rushville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard F. Eckel*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He will be missed at the Elks. My sympathy to the family.*

**Carol Jones** - July 24, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ *J Barnes lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Eckel*



**J Barnes** - July 15, 2020 at 04:18 AM



“ *We consider Dick and Delila a part of our RHS class of '54. Dick always had a smile and was pleasant to be around. He was a gentle person, and a great athlete. Many good memories watching his agility in RHS sports. Rest in peace Dick!*

*Jerry Cartmel  
Pres. Class of '54*

**Jerry Cartmel** - July 13, 2020 at 05:22 PM

Julie  
Butler

“ So very to hear about Dick's passing. We all enjoyed so much, the time he spent with us at the Muncie Auto Auction . He always talked about his family and the accomplishments of his grandchildren. He was always smiling and laughing. He also loved to give out the coins on his birthday. Such a sweet and generous man. We will miss him!!!! Chet, Tony , Rick, Jeff, Julie,Rosa,, Sandi and Leah and all the staff at Muncie Auto Auction.



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Julie Butler - July 13, 2020 at 01:11 PM

RO

“ So sorry to hear of your loss of Richard. He was a great man, did so much for all of Rushville. I worked with him at the Bank for several years. He always had a joke or just a smile to have a good day. He will be missed. I know all of his family will take care of each other. Rest in peace Richard. Rosie Chance and Joe too.



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RosieChance - July 12, 2020 at 05:34 PM

JD

“ Jacqueline Duke lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Eckel



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jacqueline Duke - July 12, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard F. Eckel.*



July 11, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ *I am so sorry that you are grieving again so soon after the loss of your precious brother. You are in my heart and in my prayers, dear friend.*

**Kathy Williams** - July 10, 2020 at 08:30 PM



*Oh Kathy. So sweet you know the pain of loss. We know where he is and that is such a comfort!! Rick was waiting for him with open arms for sure!!!*

**Deloris Hickman** - July 10, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ *We will miss that smiling face coming into the office. He always had a smile for us and was so cheerful, even when we gave him a hard time! The Rushville BMV team.*

**Rhonda Jordan** - July 10, 2020 at 06:28 PM



*Thank you Rhonda. I'm sure it was something all the time when he was there!!!*

**Deloris Hickman** - July 10, 2020 at 08:57 PM

DW

“ *Deepest sympathy.*

Debi Lushell Ware - July 10, 2020 at 05:46 PM



*Thanks Debi!!!*

Deloris Hickman - July 10, 2020 at 08:58 PM

JB

“ *Dick was one of the best. He was good to me all of my life. He had a tradition of handing out silver dollars every year when they came out with the new ones. Always got a kick out of that. I worked several projects with him and he cared about our community. Never a dull moment with that man*

John Byrne - July 10, 2020 at 03:31 PM

SH

*You got that right ...never ever a dull moment with him. He was always full of you know what. ❤️*

shannon herrell - July 10, 2020 at 04:57 PM



*Dick was Dick till the end. Never a dull moment!!!*

Deloris Hickman - July 10, 2020 at 08:58 PM



*My dad loved life, Loved giving and making people laugh and smile. We have so so many great memories. Thank you*

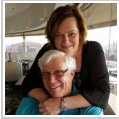
Cheryl Eckel - July 11, 2020 at 07:42 AM

RC

“ *Dick was one of the nicest persons I ever met. He always had a smile and a good word. May he RIP.* ”



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**Ron D. Cameron** - July 10, 2020 at 03:03 PM



*Thank you!*

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**Deloris Hickman** - July 11, 2020 at 08:02 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard F. Eckel.* ”



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July 10, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard F. Eckel.* ”

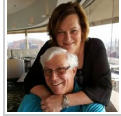


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July 10, 2020 at 12:20 PM

MJ

“ *Our old and dear friend since our grade school days at St Mary's. Peace and our love be with Delila and family. Mike & Norma Joyce* ”

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**Michael Joyce** - July 10, 2020 at 08:52 AM



*Thank you Mike and Norma!!!*

**Deloris Hickman** - July 11, 2020 at 08:02 AM

JG

“ *Jon & Louise Gray lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Eckel*



**Jon & Louise Gray** - July 10, 2020 at 07:48 AM

KS

“ *I've known Dick my entire life 😞 What a wonderful man he was 😞💔 So sorry to hear of his passing 🙏💔 Lifting Prayers for his family 😞🙏💔*



**Kimberly Baker Sorrell** - July 10, 2020 at 04:06 AM



“ *Beth Clifton lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Eckel*



**Beth Clifton** - July 10, 2020 at 01:29 AM

DS

“ Many good times were had with the Eckle & Owens families getting together. Always made us laugh! My heart goes out to Dick’s family. May God comfort you at this time.



Darlene Sullivan - July 10, 2020 at 12:46 AM

MW

“ I am so sad for the Eckel family, and his sweet wife, on the loss of Dick. He was a godly man who made people he talked to feel special. Every time I saw him, he made me feel like I had his complete attention. He loved his Jesus and his family the most. Losing his son broke his heart and we had that in common. What a wonderful man, husband, father, grandfather and friend he was to everyone. He is in the arms of God now and the rest of us are envious. We’d like to be there too, but God knows the number of our days. Thank you, God, for the years that Dick Eckel was here on the earth.

Mary T. Wilkinson - July 09, 2020 at 10:50 PM



Thank you Mary!!! He thought so highly of you also!!!! He did love people and was interested in what made them them!!! He has left a huge hole but that hole is filled with so many memories and stories!!!

Deloris Hickman - July 11, 2020 at 08:04 AM

JD

“ Jane Davis lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Eckel



Jane Davis - July 09, 2020 at 08:46 PM

CR

“ Cheryl Reed lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Eckel



Cheryl Reed - July 09, 2020 at 08:29 PM

SS

“ RIP my friend u have been a good friend and i have bought many cars and trucks from u over the years u will be missed and never forgotten sympathy for the family

steve & judy crowder

steve crowder sr. - July 09, 2020 at 07:38 PM

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Eckel family have known Mr. Eckel many years will be greatly missed but never forgotten the daily visits and great stories and jokes he could tell



John Copple - July 09, 2020 at 07:25 PM

BD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with family. Have known Dick for long time. We have been getting vehicles off of him for many years..him and his wife have become friends this saddens us so much..Dick want you to know Bob will keep looking for 94s .. You will be missed greatly but not forgotten buddy

Becky Daugherty - July 09, 2020 at 06:33 PM

MB

“ *Missy Shelton Bell lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Eckel*



Missy Shelton Bell - July 09, 2020 at 05:41 PM

JO

“ *Dick was the first person to ever give me a loan. I was still in high school just working at Just Rite and the fact he had enough confidence in me to let me borrow money made me beyond grateful. He is also the father of someone I consider a great friend, Cheryl. Sending my sincerest condolences to the family for the loss of this great man. May God comfort them during their incredible sorrow.* 🙏



Joy Allen Oakley - July 09, 2020 at 05:40 PM



*Thank you Joy. He was such a kind man and i am proud to have had him 86 yrs has my dad.*

Cheryl Eckel - July 11, 2020 at 07:41 AM

DA

“ *Daisy Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Eckel*



Daisy Armstrong - July 09, 2020 at 05:39 PM

KB

“ *Kris Buslach lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Eckel*



Kris Buslach - July 09, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ *Theresia Glover lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Eckel*



Theresia Glover - July 09, 2020 at 05:10 PM

GR

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Greg Raike - July 09, 2020 at 04:49 PM

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“ Greg Raike lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Eckel



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**Greg Raike** - July 09, 2020 at 04:49 PM

PG

“ Penny Goins lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Eckel



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**Penny Goins** - July 09, 2020 at 04:40 PM