



Richard & Ilene Merriman

May 24, 2014

Dorothy Ilene Hayes Merriman, 83, and Richard Thomas Merriman, 88, of Greensburg, PA died Saturday, May 24, 2014, 18 hours apart.

Ilene was born April 6, 1931 in Myrtle Point, Oregon, the daughter of Harry and Hazel Barklow Hayes. Richard was born August 12, 1925 in Buhl, Idaho, the son of Frank R. and Bess Self Merriman.

Dick and Ilene were married on August 5, 1955 in Redmond, OR. Dick was an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), graduating from Northwest Christian College in Eugene, OR and Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, IN. Together the Merrimans served the First Christian Church in Redmond, OR; Little Flatrock Christian Church in New Salem, IN; Main Street Christian Church in Rushville, IN; Main Street Christian Church in Winchester, IN; Big Flatrock Christian Church in Rush County; Boone Grove Christian Church in Boone Grove, IN; and First Christian Church in Greensburg, PA. They were also active members at Tunnel Hill Christian Church in Georgetown, IN, where their daughter, Becky, serves as pastor. Dick was a WWII veteran, serving our nation in the US Navy. He was a Mason and active in many civic organizations. Ilene served on the Indiana and Pennsylvania Christian Women's Fellowship cabinets. Both Dick and Ilene were members of the Order of Eastern Star. Dick was the director of the Randolph County Choral Society in Winchester, as well as a member of the

Westmoreland Choral Society in PA.

In addition to their parents, infant son, David Grafton, and niece, Kathy Merriman Quisenberry, Ilene was predeceased by her brother, Harold Hayes, and Dick by his brother and sister, Edward and Nancy Merriman. They are survived by their four children, Richard Lee (Gail) Merriman of Indianapolis, IN; Rebecca Gibbons of Lanesville, IN; Amory Merriman of Greensburg, PA; and Sarah (Padraic) Merriman-Spencer of Trumbull, CT; their eight grandchildren: Natalie and Stephen Gibbons, Daniel and Andrew Simpson, Rogge (Rachel) and Jacob Merriman, and Bess and Emma Spencer; Ilene's brother Leland (Bill Wood) Hayes of Salem, OR; Dick's sister-in-law, Virginia Merriman of Pendleton, OR; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of their lives will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Main Street Christian Church, 615 N. Main St., Rushville, IN. Memorials may be sent to any of the churches Dick and Ilene served and loved. Additionally, a memorial fund has been established at Tunnel Hill Christian Church, 5105 Old Georgetown Rd., Georgetown, IN 47122, to be designated to the music ministry of the church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard & Ilene Merriman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *I am with you in spirit today as I know the service for your parents is taking place as I write this. I have many fond memories of your parents especially at Main Street where I was baptized. With sympathy and loving concern, Melissa Jane McManus Daubenspeck, Raleigh, NC*

Melissa Daubenspeck - June 21, 2014 at 10:18 AM



“ *I remember Reverend Merriman. I admired him so much. He had a true interest and love for his congregation. He gave me and our family great counsel over the years. He and Mrs. Merriman will be lovingly remembered and thought of often and missed until we all return.*

My best to the family.

Scott Buhler

Scott Buhler - June 13, 2014 at 05:28 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Deanne Beard Land.*

Deanne Beard Land - June 13, 2014 at 09:48 AM

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“ *Deanne Beard Land lit a candle in memory of Richard & Ilene Merriman*



Deanne Beard Land - June 13, 2014 at 09:40 AM



“ *Richard, so sorry to hear about your parents passing. My prayers are with you and your family.*



Greg Raike - June 13, 2014 at 08:40 AM

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“ *Becky,
I'm so saddened to learn of your double loss, just 3 days after my Mother passed. They are singing in Heaven surrounded by Angels. We will see them again. My prayers goes out to you and your family. We will all sing in Heaven one day with them, like we did at Little Flat Rock. Those sure were happy days, with all the ice cream socials, and many other youth activities. I have many memories of your family.
With love and prayers,
Jackie Borders Cook*

Jackie Borders Cook - June 11, 2014 at 05:18 PM

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“ *Though I was not a member of Main Street Christian Church, Rev. Merriman was a good friend to my family. He will be sorely missed.*

My condolences to his family.

Woodrow W. Pea, Jr.

Woodrow Pea - June 11, 2014 at 12:32 PM