



Richard D. "Dick" Ruhlman

January 14, 1929 - April 6, 2023

Richard D. Ruhlman was born January 14, 1929 in Rushville, IN where he attended school, graduating in 1946. He graduated from Purdue University with a BSCE degree in 1950. While at Purdue, he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and Chi Epsilon honorary fraternity.

Dick worked for a short time with the Indiana Highway Department designing bridges. He was drafted into the US Army in 1951 and ended his army stint in Orleans, France as a second lieutenant in 1953.

Upon his return to the U.S. he was employed by Hazel & Erdal, consulting engineers, designing bridges in Louisville, KY. In 1955 he accepted employment with Rieth-Riley Construction Company, a highway contractor, in South Bend, IN until his transfer to the Goshen, IN headquarters in 1982. He retired in 1990.

Dick married his first wife, Lavina Makin in 1957. They had three children, now married, Kathleen (Don) Pelley, Donald (Suzanne) and Robert (Lori). After Lavina's death Dick married his former high school classmate, Kay Wilson Hebson in 1990 and they retired to Sarasota, FL.

In addition to the children above, they also have daughters, Laura (Don) Hebson Clark, Lynne Hebson (Jim) Durborow; and seven grandchildren, Alex (Anna), Ben (Kelsey), Anna (Paul), Erin, Audrey (Travis), Abby and great grandchildren, Oliver Richard Ruhlman & Ivy Hebson, another boy due to arrive in late July 2023.

Dick was a member of BPO Elks, joining in 1950 in Rushville, IN, He was also

a member of Phoenix Lodge #62 F&AM of Rushville and Scottish Rite and Murat Temple, both of Indianapolis, all of which he joined in 1954.

Graveside cremation service & burial will be held in Rushville East Hill Cemetery at 1:30PM Saturday, October 7, 2023. Chip West will preside.

Previous Events

Graveside

OCT 7. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

East Hill Cemetery
746-740 IN-44
Rushville, IN 46173

Tribute Wall

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“ I was Dick and Kay’s neighbor in Turtle Rock, we built our houses at the same time. Dick was so intelligent, friendly, and kind. I loved hearing about his ancestry and other research projects. I will miss meeting up with him for dinner, I learned something new with every conversation. He really took an interest in other people’s lives. I feel blessed that I was able to know him. My sympathies to all of Dick and Kay’s families, and June who brought him such happiness these last few years. He definitely left a legacy.

diane gonzalez - June 03, 2023 at 07:48 AM

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“ We were Dick's "Scottish neighbours" at Turtle Rock for 17 years: over the years Bill played golf with Dick at many of the clubs in the area , we had wonderful meals out and always enjoyed the Kentucky Derby Party that Dick & Kay held every year. Our friends and family were welcomed when they visited our house and are, like us, so sad about his passing. Over the last few years of his life at Harbor Chase we continued to go out for meals with Dick when we came to Sarasota and were later joined by his loving friend June Kinney. We much appreciated and enjoyed our times with them. Dick was a true gentleman and who touched the life of everyone he met and will be sadly missed by us all.

Ann & Bill Mitchell - April 27, 2023 at 02:16 PM

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“ A sweet man and just a great partner for Aunt Kay - Rest in Pease Dick

William NunnM - April 11, 2023 at 09:44 PM