



Dick Mathes

June 6, 1925 - May 17, 2013

Richard “Dick” H. Mathes, age 87, of Laurie, passed away Friday, May 17, 2013, at the Laurie Care Center. He was born June 6, 1925, in Algona, Iowa, a son of the late Forrest and Esther Brown Mathes.

On June 30, 1946, in Kirksville, Missouri, he was united in marriage by a Christian minister named, Jolly, to Darlene Perry, who survives the home.

Dick grew up and was baptized in the Christian faith.

After graduating high school in 1943, he enlisted in the United States Navy in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was involved in the Invasion of Saipan in WWII. He served in the Navy Reserves until 1950, and was called back to active service during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged in 1951.

He worked in sales for various companies for 34 years.

Dick was a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge Adair County 366 in Kirksville and a charter member of the Moose Lodge in Kirksville where he served as Missouri State Vice-President. He was a member of the American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624 in Sunrise Beach and a member of the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie where he served as chairman of the audit committee under three different administrations.

Dick began working as a child at a golf course as a caddy. He grew to love the game of golf and was very proud of his 3 holes in one.

In addition to his wife Darlene of 66 years, he is survived by his son, Perry Mathes and wife Carole of Jefferson City, Missouri; daughter, Penny Long and husband Bill of Overland Park, Kansas; three granddaughters, Jamie Reese and husband Tyson, Melissa Long and Andrea Long; three great-grandsons, Brody Reese, Owen Reese and Colton Hoyt Reese; his brother, Robert L. Mathes and wife Maureen of Londonderry, Northern Ireland; nephews, Robert Mathes and William Mathes both of North Carolina and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of Dick's life with full military honors to follow will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, May 20th, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Monday, at the funeral home. Inurnment will be held at a later date in the Maple Hill Cemetery in Kirksville, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Laurie Care Center.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel
417 Silvey Rd.
Laurie, MO 65038
(573) 374-7688

Celebration of Life

MAY 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KB

“ Karen Benakis lit a candle in memory of Dick Mathes



karen Benakis - May 22, 2013 at 09:16 PM

KB

Darlene, and Family,

It sadden me so ,when I heard this week of the passing of Dick, I just saw him two weeks ago in the activity room, I was able to give my normal hug to him, and you Darlene beautiful as ever right beside your loving husband. Your everyday visits will be missed by all who knew you and Dick at the Laurie Care Center....

I will always treasure the peace my mother has in her room at the Care Center because it was Blessed by having it Dick's Favorite Room. first !!!!!

God Bless you and your family in this loss, and may you carry on the strength and courage that Dick showed all of us that knew him....Love Karen Benakis (Pat Whitney's Daughter_

karen Benakis - May 22, 2013 at 09:36 PM

SM

“ Darlene, Was so sorry to hear of the passing of Dick. I was out of town and just returned. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I will miss seeing both of you holding hands in the Activity room! Hope to see you and my prayers and thoughts are with you. Love Sara McElwee

Sara McElwee - May 22, 2013 at 12:05 PM

TS

“ *Perry and Carole,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family at the loss of your
Dad. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. May happy
memories, in time, help ease your sorrow.*

Tricia Schlechte

Tricia Schlechte - May 20, 2013 at 08:42 PM

SB

“ *Sue Bullock lit a candle in memory of Dick
Mathes*



Sue Bullock - May 19, 2013 at 09:26 PM

KG

“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers in this difficult time. May you
find comfort in God's love and know that many are praying for you.
We will meet again in God's home He has prepared for us where we
will celebrate forever His love. Take time to grieve your loss, reach
out for support and spend time together. Kathleen Goff*

Kathleen Goff - May 19, 2013 at 08:33 PM

KH

“ *DICK WAS A LOVING AND CARING PERSON TO MY FAMILY MY
DAUGHTER HELD A PICTURE OF HIM AND DARLENE AT HER
WEDDING, NOW THEY CAN TEASE EACH OTHER IN HEAVEN
HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED KATHY HUDSON*

KATHY HUDSON - May 18, 2013 at 01:11 PM

DM

Dick and Darlene were former neighbors in Omaha, NE. Dick was a fun person and loved his wife dearly. Will miss him but know he will now RIP. My deepest sympathy and prayers to Darlene, Penny and Perry's families. Love ya all, Dee Finke Micheel.

Dee Micheel - May 19, 2013 at 11:14 AM