



Richard Lee Schafer

May 21, 1940 - June 8, 2025

Richard Lee Schafer, 85, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away at his home on June 8, 2025. He was born May 21, 1940, in Springfield, Illinois, to Harry L. and Louise (nee Jepsen) Schafer.

Richard graduated from Harris High School in Petersburg. He was a lifelong member of the St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church in Petersburg where he was a decan on the church council. He was a farmer all his life and was a member of the Menard County Farm Bureau. He and his wife, Sally, loved to go on cruises and his favorite was to Alaska. He also liked to make his rounds to the local coffee shops to visit with friends. He was known for being a simple man who did not need anything extravagant.

Richard is survived by his wife, Sally; his children, Johnnie (wife Laura) Schafer, Jill (husband Jeff) Choate, John (wife Dawn) Weatherford and Jeff (wife Beth) Weatherford; his grandchildren, John Henry Schafer, Zachary Winner, Lakyn Winner, Ashlyn Weatherford, Kyle Weatherford, Kayla Weatherford and Paige Weatherford; a great grandchild, Noah Tabor; and a sister, Margaret (husband Charlie) Jones.

Richard's family will be hosting a graveside service on Saturday, June 21st, 2025 at 10:30a.m. at Oakland Cemetery in Petersburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting Richard's family with final arrangements. Please visit hurleyfh.com for Richards online obituary. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Petersburg, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

Oakland Cemetery
17536 Oakland Terrace Ave
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-3022

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Ron & Sue Sanert lit a candle in memory of Richard Schafer* ”



Ron & Sue Sanert - June 14, 2025 at 11:29 AM

LH

“ *Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Schafer* ”



Larry and Mary Hundt - June 11, 2025 at 08:40 AM

JG

“ *Sally and family, I am so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

Joanne Gaston - June 10, 2025 at 10:38 PM

BL

“ *Bob Lynn lit a candle in memory of Richard Schafer* ”



Bob Lynn - June 10, 2025 at 04:25 PM

BL

“ Sorry to hear of Richards passing. He was a good friend and just fun to be around. He will be missed.

Bob Lynn - June 10, 2025 at 04:25 PM