



Richard L. Showalter

November 23, 1934 - February 15, 2019

Richard L. Showalter, 84, of Easton, passed away at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield at 8:42 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2019. He was born November 23, 1934 in Crane Creek Township, Mason Co., Illinois to Alpha and Helen (Wallace) Showalter Beckman. He married Patricia Murdock on December 4, 1960 at the First Baptist Church in Havana.

Mr. Showalter is survived by his wife, Patricia, of rural Easton; one daughter, Nancy Jean De Leon of Murfreesboro, TN; one son, Eric Richard (Laura) Showalter of Troy, MI; four grandchildren: Jacob and Ian De Leon and Charles and John Showalter. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Floyd and Harold Showalter.

Mr. Showalter, with his wife, operated a family farm in Mason County Illinois from 1969 until 2013. While farming he raised row crops including corn, seed corn, soybeans, popcorn, sweet corn and potatoes. He also raised purebred Black Angus cattle. His family has deep roots in Mason County where he grew up in on a farm. Before returning to the farm, Mr. Showalter worked with multiple grain merchandising companies including Illinois Grain Corporation (now Growmark); O.K. Grain & Feed, as Elevator and Feed Mill Manager and Pillsbury Grain Company as River Elevator Assistant Manager and Grain Merchant. Mr. Showalter was also a Farm Manager for multiple families from 1965 until 2013. Mr. Showalter was a loved husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He was a fountain of knowledge and counseled advice as well as a smart and honorable businessman.

Mr. Showalter graduated from Easton High School in 1952 and the University of Illinois in 1956 with a BS in Agriculture, where he was a charter member of Hoof and Horn. He served in the US Army from 1958 until 1960 in Korea as a telephone technician. He was active in many local government and agricultural boards and programs, including serving as Crane Creek Township Town Clerk 1975 - 1999; Member of Mason County Farm Bureau, serving as president 1978-81 and 1990-96; Mason County Farm Bureau Legislative Chairman 1981-1989; Illinois Farm Bureau Tentative Resolutions Committee;

Illinois Farm Bureau District 10 Coordinator for CHIEF PROGRAM; Illinois River Sands Research Farm with Northern Illinois Regional Lab in Peoria; Manito Area Regional Economic Development Board; Imperial Valley (Mason and Tazewell County) Water Authority Advisory Board; Mason County Water Issues Committee; Sand Lake Committee - Mason County; C-Far - Agricultural Research Organization; American Legion; Illini BioEnergy Board Member; Central Illinois Regional Groundwater Committee and Mahomet Aquifer Consortium. He also attended church at Easton United Methodist Church.

Visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2019. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 23 2019, also at the funeral home. Rev. Al Sample will officiate. Burial will follow the services at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Easton United Methodist Church, University of Illinois Agricultural Program, Shriner's Children's Hospital or the donor's choice. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral

FEB **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard L. Showalter*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard L. Showalter.*



February 22, 2019 at 08:03 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard L. Showalter.*



February 21, 2019 at 08:33 PM



“ *I have had the honor of serving with Richard on the Central Regional Groundwater Committee. His experience and knowledge guided us.*

May his memory be a blessing to us all.
Karen Zuckerman

Karen Zuckerman - February 21, 2019 at 03:54 PM

TF

“ Dear Pat and the entire Showalter family, we were so shocked and sorry to hear of Dick's passing. While our time was limited to a few visits up north in Michigan, he was one you felt you've known for a lifetime. We are fortunate to have met him - truly salt of the earth!

We wish we could be there this weekend. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We will be making a donation in his memory to Shriner's.

May God bless you and be with you in this time of need.

Sincerely,
The Lester Family

The Lester Family - February 21, 2019 at 11:20 AM

DT

“ Dee Thompson lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Showalter



Dee Thompson - February 21, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Richard L. Showalter.



February 20, 2019 at 05:06 PM

PL

“ Pieter Catherine Ariane Amalia & Alexia Lesterhuis purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Richard L. Showalter.



Pieter Catherine Ariane Amalia & Alexia Lesterhuis - February 20, 2019 at 04:48 PM

LH

“ Dear Pat and family, I am so sorry for your loss of such a good husband, father and grandfather and friend to many. He will be dearly missed. . Please accept my deepest condolences . Lois Goudy Holler

Lois A Goudy Holler - February 20, 2019 at 02:33 PM

FL

“ From Everyone at Sea Link purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Richard L. Showalter.



From Everyone at Sea Link - February 20, 2019 at 11:55 AM

JR

“ Pat I am so sorry for you and your families loss. I enjoyed getting to know you and Dick over the past several years and always liked visiting with you both. The community has lost a great man.

james roskelley - February 19, 2019 at 09:33 PM

FD

“ Fresenius Managed Care Department purchased the Love Ever lasting Bouquet for the family of Richard L. Showalter.



Fresenius Managed Care Department - February 19, 2019 at 02:38 PM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Showalter



Larry and Mary Hundt - February 18, 2019 at 03:11 PM

OT

“ O2 Investment Partners Team purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Richard L. Showalter.



O2 Investment Partners Team - February 18, 2019 at 09:56 AM

JW

“ Condolences from Rich & I

Jennifer Wilcox - February 17, 2019 at 09:01 PM

SS

“ Jerry and I are so sorry to hear this. Jerry always liked him in the office. Pat, we care about you and pray for strength to get you through this.

Susan & Jerry Strauman - February 17, 2019 at 07:48 PM

GF

“ I have the fondest memories of Dick since my childhood friendship with Nancy. He was always so very kind to me. He always had a big smile on his face. Love him and Pat. I have always considered them “cheerleaders” for me. That has always meant so much to me through the years. I know Dick will be so very missed by his family and friends. Pat, Nancy, Eric and families, I am sending you all much love and my deepest condolences. Rest In Peace dear friend!! ❤️❤️

Gina Fairow - February 17, 2019 at 05:43 PM

ES

“ I am so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. Sympathy to the family.



Elva Stigall - February 17, 2019 at 03:16 PM