



## Richard Wayne Woodard

September 5, 1931 - November 1, 2021

Richard Wayne Woodard, 90, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away on Monday, November 1, 2021, at Sunny Acres Nursing Home in Petersburg. He was born September 5, 1931 to Ralph and Vera (Hudson) Woodard. He was raised on their family farm in Sidney, Illinois along with his sister, Mary Lou Woodard Reaser, who preceded him in death on April 25, 2021. He married Enola Jean Knight on December 28, 1954 in Rockford, Illinois. She preceded him in death on January 9, 1987. He later married Yvonne Hall at the Methodist Church in Sidney, Illinois.

Richard graduated from Sidney High School in Champaign County in 1949. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1955, and then earned a Master of Education from the University of Illinois in 1961. After teaching in Bement for five years, he became the principal at Athens High School. He later joined Hopcaid Fertilizer where he worked for over twenty years and eventually retired from Kifco in 1998.

Richard served our grateful nation in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Indian Point Presbyterian Church in Athens for many years before transferring to the Petersburg United Methodist Church. He was a co-owner of Heubner Tires, Inc. in Petersburg. Richard served on the PORTA School Board and as President of the Board, he had the honor of tossing the first jump ball in the new PORTA High School Gymnasium. He served as Board Chairman of the Illinois Fertilizer and

Chemical Association, Inc., was a past President and member of Petersburg Kiwanis for over fifty years, and was named Petersburg First Citizen in 2012. Richard and Enola's children are Laura (husband Kevin) Heubner of Petersburg, Kevin Woodard of Petersburg and Ann (husband Steve) Ozella of Petersburg; his grandchildren, Matt (wife Liz) Heubner, Eric (wife Cody) Heubner, Jeff (wife Natalie) Heubner, Rachel (husband Dustin) Graumenz, Amy (fiancé Jeff Schappaugh) Ozella and Dominic (wife Emily) Ozella; and seven great grandchildren, Brooke and Kyle Heubner, Mason and Regan Heubner, Nora Heubner, Declan and Aiden Graumenz and baby girl Graumenz on the way.

The family wants to thank Sunny Acres Nursing Home for all of the care, love and support they provided not only to Richard, but also to his family.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2021, from 5 pm to 7 pm at the Petersburg United Methodist Church, 221 W. Jackson St., Petersburg, Illinois 62675. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, November 5, 2021, at 11 am also at the church with Pastor Rick Pierce officiating. Burial will immediately follow the funeral service at Oakland Cemetery in Petersburg. Richard was a Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears, and huge PORTA Bluejay fan. Richard was often seen wearing orange and blue in support of the University of Illinois Fighting Illini so his family encourages you to wear your Illini orange and blue to the visitation.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Petersburg United Methodist Church Memorial Fund or PORTA Foundation.

Please visit [hurleyfh.com](http://hurleyfh.com) for Richard's online obituary, to share memories and leave condolences for his family. Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting his family with final arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Petersburg United Methodist Church  
221 W. Jackson  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-7689

## Funeral

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Petersburg United Methodist Church  
221 W. Jackson  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Wayne Woodard*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *We have just learned of the passing of Dick. He was such a good friend of ours and I so enjoyed the times we spent together, whether on the golf course, on the school board or just partying . We know how much all of .you will miss him. Eldon and Linda Becker*

**Eldon Becker** - December 07, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ *Yvonne and family,  
I have so many good memories of Dick. I worked with him at Kifco for many years. He was such a happy guy, had such a great smile and personality, and a real pleasure to be around! Our sincere condolences to all of Dick's family.  
Steve and Kay Moehring*

**Kay Moehring** - November 06, 2021 at 07:12 AM



“ *Laura and Ann,  
I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I will always remember the hilarious jokes he would tell. He was a one of a kind man. I am grateful to have been able to call him my friend. Rest In Peace, Dick. You will be missed. Your friend, Jim Miller*

**Jim Miller** - November 05, 2021 at 02:53 PM

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“ So, sorry to hear of Dick's passing -what a great smile and such a caring man. Always, enjoyed talking with him when he stopped by our shop.

*He, will be missed around this town.*

*Hoping, soon your tears will be replaced by your many wonderful memories of your time with him.*

*Johnny & Sandy Estill  
Petersburg, IL*

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**Sandy Estill** - November 05, 2021 at 09:50 AM

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“ The Jim Guinan family loved the Woodard family and we are all thinking of you and send warm wishes your way. Dick had the most wonderfully contagious smile and we were always so happy to see him when we rode bikes by your house or watched tv in your basement. He had a way of making everyone feel so special. With much love, Mike, Kathy, Pat, John, Mary, Jenny, Molly and our mom Barb ☐💙

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**Kathy Guinan** - November 04, 2021 at 09:49 PM

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“ Dear Ann, Laura & Kevin...Steve, Kevin, Rachel, Dustin, Amy, Jeff, Nick & Emily,

*I loved your Dad. Such a breathe of welcome inclusion and good cheer. I suspect you each knew he was wonderful. But be reassured that we will miss that winsome smile and twinkle that told you a story and laugh we're coming. I think you were all very lucky to get a Dad (and Mom in Nola) that could laugh and approach the world with a happy heart. If they had worries, which of course they did, they kept them hidden behind an express of ...it will be ok. We never have those we love long enough but I like to think Mr. Woodard is patting someone's shoulder, smiling and saying now didn't you go to school with my Ann, oh no, you would have been in Kevin's class...how are you? How has life been treating you. He would have made sure to greet you after church and tell you he was glad to see you. Being happy to be seen is not a small kindness...it is important. I'm grateful to have had the chance to think of all the happiness Dick brought to so many, he was the kindest and merrily of servants. Holly, Matt, Taylor & Logan Crowl*

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**HOLLY CROWL** - November 04, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Wayne Woodard.



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November 04, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Richard Wayne Woodard.*



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November 04, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Wayne Woodard.*



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November 04, 2021 at 08:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Wayne Woodard.*



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November 03, 2021 at 10:04 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Wayne Woodard.*



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November 03, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Richard Wayne Woodard.*



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November 03, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ *Dick was my high school principal and a good friend of my family. He always had a smile and a story to share that made all feel welcome. I babysat with the kids and enjoyed playing the piano with them, whenever Dick and Enola and my parents went out for dinner together. They were such a joy to be with.*

*We shared good times at Lake Petersburg.*

*Barbara Byram Milman*

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**Barbara Byram Milman** - November 03, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *Duck was truly a character in every good sense of that word.*

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**Rev. John Vidakovich** - November 03, 2021 at 02:10 PM



“ *Dick was a really great guy. He was always positive and fun to be around. I also knew his 1st wife Enola, she was our Band Teacher at Athens High School. Both will be truly missed. I am blessed to have known both!*

*John & Norma Stiltz*

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**John and Norma Stiltz** - November 03, 2021 at 01:53 PM

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“ *All The Anders and Loschen Family purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Richard Wayne Woodard.*



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**All The Anders and Loschen Family** - November 03, 2021 at 07:41 AM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Richard Wayne Woodard.*



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November 03, 2021 at 05:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Wayne Woodard.*



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November 02, 2021 at 08:02 PM