

Richard J. Cherry

September 30, 1931 - July 19, 2016

Richard J. "Dick" Cherry, 84, passed away peacefully on July 19, 2016 at St. Clare Commons in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Dick was born on September 30, 1931 in Toledo, Ohio to Melvin and Bernetta (Lemle) Cherry. He was a graduate of Central Catholic High School. Dick married the love of his life, Carol Klingler on October 17, 1953 and together they raised 4 children.

Dick proudly served his country in the United States ARMY during the Korean War. He was the past commander of the American Legion Adams Township Post #553, and commander for the State of Ohio from 1987-1988. Dick worked over 30 years as an engineer for Ohio Bell and later AT&T. He was chairman of the board for the Toledo Telephone Credit Union. Dick was also appointed to serve on the board of the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky by Governor Voinovich. Dick enjoyed playing shuffleboard, horseshoes, golf and sipping Jim Beam. He will be remembered fondly by his family for his strong work ethic, drive and self-confidence.

He is survived by his children; Guy (Christine) Cherry, Shelly (John) Meador, Rick (Beth) Cherry and Roy (Carrie) Cherry; grandchildren, Brandon (Erika), Karen (Nico), Caitlin, Gabe (Mona), Troy (Amanda), Stacey, Alex (Megan) and Cameron; great-grandchildren, Sierra, Mace, Madison and Liam; brother Al (Bonnie) Cherry, sisters Charlotte Wall and Carol (Jim) Canterbury; sisters-in-law Joann Cherry and Mary "Midge" Cherry. Dick was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Carol, and brothers Harold and Jim Cherry.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Wednesday, July 27 from 2-8 p.m. where a Scripture Service will be recited at 7 p.m. and an American Legion service will immediately follow. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 28 at St. Clement Church, 3030 Tremainsville Rd., Toledo, OH 43613, at 10 a.m. Interment to follow at Resurrection Cemetery. Please leave a condolence message for the family and view Dick's memorial video tribute at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Scripture

JUL 27. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral

JUL 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Clement
3030 Tremainsville Rd
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to Richard's family. My God bless and keep you in His loving grace. Dick was an inspiration to all who had the honor to know him. Sincerely, Dave and Rae Georgia*

Dave Georgia - July 27, 2016 at 03:11 PM

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“ On behalf of all the citizens of our community, please let me extend deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the loving family of Dick Cherry. What a wonderfully able, patriotic, and constructive citizen he has been.

Often understated, Dick exemplified the true qualities of a leader in every walk of life he chose, Dick's persevering and caring spirit inspired those who had the privilege to know him. I recall countless visits he made to Washington, D.C. to champion the cause of veterans. Always articulate and dressed impeccably, he was a truly fine representative of our region and state. He led Ohio's American Legion as Commander from 1987 and 1988, driving thousands of miles across our state to attend to its membership. He never stopped. He had a wry sense of humor and abiding kindness that drew you to his side.

Dick always volunteered selflessly...at the Veterans' Clinic, in Memorial and Veterans Day parades, at his Adams Township Post in Reynolds Corners, at funeral services for his colleagues. His service as a Korean War Veteran and assistance to thousands of people outside his immediate family remain a lasting life legacy.

Dick Cherry's life made our community and nation stronger. May the angels of healing and comfort carry him to a place of lasting peace and may his loved ones draw comfort through his strength. His life is worthy of emulation. He made a positive difference for others, and for that, our nation remains eternally grateful.

*Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur
OH-09*

Marcy Kaptur - July 24, 2016 at 01:51 PM

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“ To the Cherry family,

We would like to express our deepest sympathies on Dick's passing. We were privileged to have met Dick. He was a wonderful person and a great Legionnaire. We will always remember him fondly every year at Nat'l Convention at Aunt Emma's Club. You are in our prayers.

1st Vice Commander, American Legion, Dept. of Ohio- Dave Jackson and wife Sharon

Dave Jackson - July 22, 2016 at 12:47 PM

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With deepest sympathy to the Cherry Family. Dick was a good legionnaire and very devoted to all Veterans. Rest in peace and you are now with Carol. You will be missed, Bob and Donna Ray,

Bob and Donna Ray - July 22, 2016 at 03:26 PM

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“ To the Cherry family:

On behalf of the staff of American Legion Buckeye Boys State, the deepest sympathies from all of us on Dick's passing.

Dick was a member of the Buckeye Boys State staff for many years and was made a Trustee Emeritus of the program in 2002.

Even when health did not allow Dick to have an active role, he would still come and help at Registration on the opening day of the program.

When Dick was a member of the American Legion State Executive Committee, many times at meetings of the Committee, Dick would be the only one to ask intelligent and probing questions on the business of the Committee and had no problem holding the State Executive Committee's "feet to the fire".

Dick was a dedicated Legionnaire and American and again, the sympathies from all of us on the Boys State staff on Dick's passing.

*Gerald A. White
Director
American Legion Buckeye Boys State*

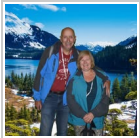
Gerald A. White - July 22, 2016 at 11:53 AM

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“ I send my condolences to the family. Know that I will pray for comfort and strength during this difficult time. I was not privileged to have met Dick though I feel like I know him as much as I've heard about him during my work with the Ohio American Legion. His name seems to come up when encouraging, inspiring and accomplishing topics arose. Though indirectly, I have learned many things from Dick's leadership through Legionnaires he has mentored. Know that Lord is perfect for providing a huge comfort blanket and bear hug, as we all know that Dick is special to Him. The entire family is special to Him.

Prayers and love from Bill Edwards

Bill Edwards - July 21, 2016 at 10:10 PM



“ Sending you our love at this difficult time. You are in our prayers, and that you have peace and fond memories of your father . Love from Ken and Diane Garn

Diane Garn - July 21, 2016 at 08:36 AM