



Richard S. Duff

October 8, 1936 - April 20, 2014

Richard S. Duff, of Sylvania, OH died peacefully Sunday, April 20, 2014 at Kingston Care Center of Sylvania, where he had lived for the past several years. He was born in St Louis, MO in 1936 to Richard D. and Marguerite Duff, and spent most of his early years in Toledo. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Adams Duff, who he married in 1966, by his parents, and by his daughter Paula Adams Krall. He leaves to mourn his passing his sons Alan Adams, Toledo, OH and Patrick Adams, Ann Arbor, MI; his daughters Laurie Gay Meidt (Rick), Woodbridge, VA, Mary Adams Geronimo (Ed Mehler), Shaker Heights, OH, Chris Adams Gardner (Bill), Charlotte, NC and Amy Adams Norwood, Raleigh, NC; his sister Nancy Killen (Bill) of NY, and his brother David (Pam) of Beijing and Los Angeles; 16 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Dick was a graduate of Devilbiss High School and attended the University of Toledo. He worked as a foreman at Allied Chemical for many years, and moved to the accounting department at The Anderson's after he was injured in an auto accident in 1977. On weekends, he and his wife Fran worked scoring major events at numerous short tracks throughout Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. When not traveling throughout the Midwest, they both worked as chief scorers for the Automobile Racing Club of America and at both Flat Rock (MI) and Toledo Speedways. Dick frequently contributed news articles from the races to the National Speed Sport News, MARC Times, and Mid-American Racing News. Additionally, he was a Charter Member of the Michigan Auto

Racing Fan Club since 1965, and served as the group's publicity director until he moved to North Carolina in 1985.

In Charlotte, he served as head of accounting for DiGard Racing, and later worked in accounting at Hendrick Motorsports. While at Hendrick Motorsports, Dick was part of an organization that won over 100 NASCAR races and 6 championships. He retired from Hendrick shortly after being honored by team owner Rick Hendrick for 20 years of service in 2007.

The family wishes to thank and commend the staff of C Hall, second floor at Kingston Care Center, who lovingly cared for Dick in his years as a resident, and who helped see him through to the end.

The family will receive friends at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH on Thursday, April 24, 2014 from 3- 7 p.m. with a Memorial Service to immediately follow. Interment will be private.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Kathy lit a candle in memory of Richard S. Duff*



Kathy - April 23, 2014 at 09:07 AM

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“ *Chris and Bill,*

So sorry for your loss. Passed on Easter Sunday, that's pretty significant. A resurrection of an earthly life to a new life in heaven. You are in my prayers.

Lorraine Zimmerman - April 23, 2014 at 09:02 AM

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*We are very sorry for your loss know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Kathy Pool*

Kathy - April 23, 2014 at 09:06 AM

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“ *Nancy and Bill, John and Steve purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard S. Duff.*



Nancy and Bill, John and Steve - April 22, 2014 at 04:17 PM