



## Richard Henry Elfering

March 26, 1946 - May 22, 2017

Richard Henry Elfering, 71, of Northwood, Ohio passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family, on Monday, May 22, 2017 at Bay Park Hospital, Northwood, Ohio.

Dick was born in Waukegan, Illinois on March 26, 1946 to John and Irene Elfering. He grew up in the old South Toledo neighborhood and attended Immaculate Conception (Darby) grade school. He attended Libby High School and was a graduate of Whitmer High School. Dick served two tours of duty while serving in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. He went right in to the active reserves with the 180th Air National Guard, Swanton, Ohio. He greatly loved his country and was proud of his 34 years of military service.

Semper Fi

Dick married his beautiful bride on January 24, 1970. He worked for the Champion Spark Plug Company for over 40 years. He was a member of the UAW and American Legion Post 537. He was an avid bicyclist and participated regularly in the MS Bike to the Bay in support of his sister. He loved music and reading, his hobbies included photography, graphic design, and he was an accomplished artist. His greatest love was his family, especially his grandchildren.

Dick is survived by his loving wife of 47 years Patricia Elfering; children Joe (Amy) Elfering and Michelle (Corey) Schwab; grandchildren Marc (Laine Gross) Elfering, Kurt Elfering, Baden Schwab, Faith Elfering, Campbell Schwab and Gabriel Schwab; sister Dottie (Bub) Hensel; brothers Bill (Marty)

Elfering and Jim (Cheryl) Elfering; and in laws: "The Cassidy Clan"; and lifelong friend, Jim (Jeanine) Hundsrucker.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Mary Lann, Billie and Louise Elfering and brother, Bernie. He is also survived by many loving friends from the Marine Corps, Air National Guard, the old South End, and presently his Northwood neighborhood.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, Ohio on Saturday, May 27, 2017 from 11 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Service at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, [www.woundedwarrior.org](http://www.woundedwarrior.org) or to your local Veterans Association.

Please view and sign the online guest registry at [www.coylefuneralhome.com](http://www.coylefuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 27. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAY 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Fond memories working at Champion wth Dick, worked together in the same department had a few drinks together after work and did some fishing together as well. Rode to work together on 3rd shift. Gone to soon.*  
*Kent Snyder*

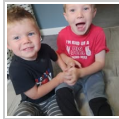
Kent Snyder - May 27, 2017 at 09:47 AM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - May 27, 2017 at 09:28 AM



*Pat what a beautiful tribute to Dick. I'm sorry I miss his funeral but please know that my prayers are with you and Joe and your whole family. Dick was one of the nicest men I ever knew and I have fond memories of you and him and the boys with soccer.*  
*xoxo Nancy Corson McHugh*

Nancy Mchugh - July 03, 2017 at 11:32 AM

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“ Dick was one of earliest friends I made at Champion. He was genuinely a nice, decent man with a wonderful sense of humor. We had some memorable times together. He was an asset to the company always working hard and going the extra mile to help anyone who needed a hand. Really a great guy.

*Renee and I offer our deepest sympathy to Pat and the kids.*

*Tim and Renee McClain  
Mount Dora, FL*

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**Tim McClain** - May 26, 2017 at 11:43 AM

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*rest in peace , sarge*

*mike maciolek  
el paso tx*

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**mike maciolek** - May 26, 2017 at 04:48 PM

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*To the family of Dick Elfering: I am so sorry for your loss. Each time I saw Dick, he always had a smile and a cheerful greeting. The world will miss him!*

*Marcie Hundsrucker*

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**Hundsrucker** - May 26, 2017 at 09:26 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Henry Elfering.



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May 26, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Henry Elfering.*



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May 25, 2017 at 04:36 PM



“ *Words can't describe the loss of Dick that I am feeling. We were childhood friends, living across the alley from each other. Dick always had a smile, hug and kiss when we saw each other. My deepest condolences to Pat and her family and to Dick's surviving siblings on the loss of their husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. We all are better for having known such a gentle soul. Rest in Peace, Dick. Love, Marie*

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**Marie Irons** - May 25, 2017 at 03:14 PM



“ *Pat - I was so saddened to learn of Dick's passing !! Still doesn't seem possible !! I'll always have a soft spot for that guy of yours !!! May you Rest in Peace Dick !! Until we meet again, my God hold you close !! Love, Thoughts & Prayers to all !!*



*Wendy McGaharan*

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**Wendy McGaharan** - May 25, 2017 at 03:07 PM