



Richard Hazle

April 12, 1927 - February 7, 2025

Richard William Hazle was born on April 12, 1927 and died on February 7, 2025. He lived through many changes in the world in his almost 98 years.

He was a child of farmers in Michigan, the eldest of 6 children, the first of his siblings to serve in WW2 (Army Air Corp), & the first of his siblings to earn a college degree. He met Barbara Locke through friends and they were married 5 months' later. They vowed to "not let the sun go down on their anger" (Ephesians 4). Richard worked a variety of jobs in Michigan, including managing a 500 acre fruit farm. Eventually he moved Barbara and the 6 children to the Fremont area of Ohio, where he worked as an agricultural consultant for Toledo Edison. During the course of his life, he built 4 homes (3 from the basement up and one remodel).

Richard retired from Toledo Edison and started a business of home repair, eventually working with his daughter Judy for many years. He retired again when he was 88 years old.

Richard was a Christian and was active in his Lutheran church and during Walk to Emmaus weekend retreats. He tried to live by the Great Commandment. For several summers, he volunteered at the Feed the Family and Kitchen of Hope locations and he participated in several mission trips. He always enjoyed talking with people and was an intense listener of others. He

loved his family. He loved to explore new ideas. He read widely. He loved a good conversation. He loved being helpful for others. He enjoyed watching his son play football and was so proud of his daughters in the band, choir and precision marching groups. He provided transportation to any event he could. He was very proud of all his kids' accomplishments and would often say that he and our mother did a pretty good job of raising individuals!

Richard died of old age at Swan Creek Toledo. The hospice team was incredibly attentive and helpful.

Richard is survived by his youngest brother Chuck (Diane), his son Chris (Judy), daughter Nancy (Phil Cary), son Randy (Sherry), and daughters Laura and Judy, plus numerous loved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara and by his son Tom (Judy) and by 4 of his siblings.

As per his wishes, Richard's body has gone to educate the medical students at the University of Toledo.

A joyful Celebration of life will be held on March 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Swan Creek Ohio Living, 5916 Cresthaven Lane, Toledo OH. Richard requested that no sad songs be used. Instead, stories can be offered up and laughter will fill the air.

The hospice team at Ohio Living Hospice, 1730 S. Reynolds Rd. Toledo OH 43614 was faithful in following his wishes. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's name would be made to this office. Thank you.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 2. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM.

Ohio Living Swan Creek

Tribute Wall

GM

“ Many years ago at a meeting of some sort , I heard a voice from a man, speaking up, that highly impressed me. I found out later it was the voice of Richard. I don't remember the topic, but Richards voice was very clear, calming and authentic. I thought, wow, someone is here, with experience, that can help solve problems. My sincere condolences to Richards family. A true leader and example of a genuine human being.

Greg Mick - March 05, 2025 at 07:35 PM

JV

“ Richard was a dear soul, I will miss our long chats about things that were way above my brain. But he taught me that we all have our own strengths. He will always be affectionally know as my little Hazel nut. Which he gave me permission to call him, God Speed Richard with love and friendship, Jill

Jill Victorian - February 23, 2025 at 02:46 PM

RM

“ Richard, Tom and I would go to our Rotary luncheon together. I learned a lot from Richard and Tom. Richard always was willing to help me even though it wasn't always electrical. His sense of humor and life experiences helped as well. I am giving Richard a standing ovation!!! Bob Mick

Robert Mick - February 18, 2025 at 02:15 PM

CT

Richard was a "special friend" I inherited him from his friend Jan Wolff. He was one of the most intelligent people I have ever met and we had hours of discussions on everything from religion to politics. I will see you some day, Richard, wherever we end up.....

Connie Teare

Connie Teare - February 21, 2025 at 11:21 AM