



## Richard James Less

July 4, 1923 - February 14, 2020

Richard James Less, 96, of Toledo, Ohio, left to be with the Lord on February 14, 2020. Dick was born in Toledo, Ohio on July 4, 1923 to Celia Sobecki Less and Clement F. Less. Dick attended Central Catholic High School and Dayton University prior to serving in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. He survived combat at the Battle of the Bulge and multiple other battles. After the war, he completed his education at the University of Toledo earning a degree in Mechanical Engineering. On May 26, 1951, he married his beloved, Ann Theresa Dickinson, enjoying over 68 years of marriage. Dick worked at Stanley Carter Co., at which time he moved his young family to Roswell, NM to work on the Atlas underground missile sites from 1960-62. After returning to Toledo, he worked with his dad and together they formed Clem Less, Inc. Mechanical Contractors, serving as president of the company between 1967 and 1986. He continued to work as a consultant until 2000. Dick was a founding member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church and a member of their first parish council. He was also an officer and president of St. Pat's Over 55 Club, a member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the Maumee Elks Lodge.

Richard is survived by his wife, Ann Less, sister Charlotte Troike, and children Michael Less (Joane) of Plain City, OH; Barbara Gunning (William) of Whitehouse, OH; James Less (Jeanne) of Cape Coral, FL; and Robert Less (Deb) of Whitehouse, OH.

Dick has ten grandchildren: Stephanie (Michael) Carlin, William (Suzanne)

and Charles Gunning; Beth Ann, Keith (Deb), Kelly and Jason Less; Celia (Dan) Wilkens, Allison (Kyle) Walker, and Jennifer (Rob) Beatty. He has nine great grandchildren.

Richard is predeceased by his mother, father and brother in law, Roc Troike. Visitation will be at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds, Toledo, OH 43614 on Sunday, February 16 from 3:00- 6:00 p.m. with the Rosary recited at 5:30 p.m. The Funeral will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Coyle, followed by Mass on Monday, February 17 at 10:30 am, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church followed by interment at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to St. Vincent DePaul Society-St. Joan of Arc at 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo, OH 43614 or Central City Ministry of Toledo at 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Please leave a condolence message at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 16. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Rosary

FEB 16. 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM (ET)

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1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Service

FEB 17. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St Joan Of Arc  
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH



# Tribute Wall

MB

“ Dear Bob and Deb, so sorry for your loss. Your father was a remarkable man, someone to be proud of. Marcine Bloom and family

Marcine R. Bloom - February 20, 2020 at 11:22 AM

TS

“ Certainly one of the true gentlemen and silent strong heros. Sympathy to the Less family and those who Dick loved like family.

Tom and Diane Sheeley - February 17, 2020 at 10:08 PM

DG

“ Dear Barb and Family,

I heard about the loss of your father today. My sincere condolences. I truly see you in his smile and eyes and feel I got to know a little of him in our conversations. Although he will be deeply missed you will have many fond memories of your life together. My prayers are with you, your mom, and your family.



Dee Geer

Dee Geer - February 17, 2020 at 10:42 AM

TP

“ My condolences and prayers are on the way to you all..I will always hold dear the way Dick touched my life while I was at St. Joan of Arc. May the angels lead him home!

Terri Pastura - February 16, 2020 at 10:38 PM

NI

“ *My family loved seeing grandpa less at loma lindas! He always seemed so happy there and we really enjoyed running into him. Many condolences to the Less family during this difficult time.*

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**nikita** - February 16, 2020 at 09:58 PM

DG

“ *Dear Family of Richard James Less,*

*The Officers and Members of the Adams Township Post 553 join in extending Heartfelt Sympathy to you and your family at this Time of Sorrow. May God bless and keep Richard in His loving grace.  
Sincerely, David D. Georgia, Chaplain of Post 553*

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**David Georgia** - February 16, 2020 at 08:30 PM