



Richard Henry Rectenwald

January 2, 1928 - September 7, 2020

Richard Henry Rectenwald, 92, of Holland, passed away on September 7, 2020. He was born January 2, 1928 in Perrysburg, Ohio to Henry and Bertha (Wershing) Rectenwald. He was married to Kathleen (Wahmhoff) on June 11, 1955. She preceded him in death.

Richard "Dick" was the epitome of a family man. He loved his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews more than anything. They were the only ones that could keep him away from his beloved Kathleen for almost six years after her death. If you knew Dick, you knew that God, his family and work were important to him. Several people found it fitting that he passed on Labor Day. He was an extremely hard worker as he had to be, after all, he had six children to feed! After spending two years in the US Army during the Korean War, he started his own company shortly after getting married and he eventually incorporated it as Ohio Excavating in 1975. The hard working farm boy from Perrysburg would go on to build that business, have six children, fourteen grandchildren, five great grandchildren, travel the world, and spend the winter months in Florida.

On their first date in the summer of 1954, he took Kathleen to Cedar Point. Evidently, the date went well, as it has become our family's favorite tradition to spend one weekend there a year. He was always willing to go anywhere or do anything, all you had to do was ask and you were going to get a "well sure" in reply. Take a pontoon boat ride, he was there. Dinner at Loma Lindas, not even COVID could keep him away. Play Euchre, Skip Bo or Dominoes, he'd

beat you to the table! Oh, and that sweet smile. You have never met anyone that could make you feel the way he could with just a smile. So easy to laugh, especially at himself! We never questioned that man's love for us, his smile said it all.

Richard is survived by his twin sisters, Rose Schwind and Rosella (Mickey) Hoffman and his brother-in-law, Glenn Schwind. His children Renee Fisher (Tom Bevens), Rick Rectenwald, Mary Pat (Rich) Graven, Lisa (Greg) Nowak, Kelly Carver (Michael Huss), and Jason (Kristen) Rectenwald. His grandchildren, Aaron (Amanda) Graven, Matthew (Kim) Graven, Wesley Fisher, Chad (Lindsay) Graven, Amanda (Scott) Levitt, Kaitlyn Rectenwald, Maggie Rectenwald, Zach (Kara Behnfeldt) Graven, Alec Huss, Emily Huss, Max Carver, Jack Carver, Nate Rectenwald, and Chloe Rectenwald. Great grandchildren, Abby Johnston (Matt and Kim Graven), Ava and Ana Graven (Aaron and Amanda), Avery and Malia Graven (Chad and Lindsay).

He was preceded in death by his sister, Irene Schivelbein; her husband, John Schivelbein; brother, Thomas Rectenwald; son-in-law, George Fisher and Kathleen's beloved sisters and their spouses.

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold a large gathering with family and friends to celebrate Dick's life. A private mass was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church followed by an Entombment at Resurrection Cemetery on Friday, September 11th. We ask that any donations be made on his behalf to a charity of your choice. If you feel the need to do more, toast him with your favorite cocktail or try a pull on a slot machine in Dad's honor.

As Dad would always say, "Goodbye and I love you!" Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall

RD

“ *Dearest Beloved Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren, I was saddened to hear about the passing of your dearest beloved father. I remember him very well. Yes, he was a very special angel. I remember him very well. Seeing him at family gatherings, and I even had the joy of seeing him at the company he founded. His wonderful spirit will live in all of you. May the angels of the Lord watch over each and every one of you, and may God bless all of you.*



*Yours Truly,
Rosie Delorenzo
(Your Uncle Glenn's sister's daughter)*

Rosie Delorenzo - September 17, 2020 at 08:58 PM

JH

“ *Condolences to all of you that loved him. Jay, Kristen, Nate and Chloe, you and your family are in our prayers. May you all be comforted by your love for Mr. Rectenwald and one another.*

Julie Hebeka - September 15, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ *Kelly and Lisa, we are thinking of you and all of your family members. Sending love and prayers. Mike and Beth Wong*

Beth Wong - September 15, 2020 at 07:03 PM

RS

“ So sorry for your loss, Your dad was a long time fiend , May he RIP.
Ron & Joan Swartz

Ron & Joan Swartz - September 13, 2020 at 07:36 PM

SS

“ Dear Rectenwald Family,
So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. The obituary was such a beautiful tribute! One of the things mentioned was his smile and that is something I do remember when attending St. Jude Church. Both he and your mom were such sweet people. My condolences to all of you and may God bless you with peace during this time.

Richelle Kerchevall Stender

Shelley Stender - September 13, 2020 at 11:50 AM

KA

“ Dear Rectenwald family,
I was saddened to learn of the passing of Dick. I had the honor and privilege of meeting him and spending the day with him as we were paired for Honor Flight to Washington, DC. What a sweet man. Even seeing his picture in the obituary made me smile, as his kindness shines through. He spoke with pride and love of his family. Even tho we were randomly paired, I came to learn that I actually knew some of his family: I worked with Lisa in Duke's PT office; Katie was a classmate of my children. I know he will be missed by many. What a beautiful soul. Thanks for sharing him!
Kim Anderson

kim anderson - September 13, 2020 at 10:52 AM

PC

“ *Uncle Dick took a young skinny 16 yo under his wing to work. He showed me what hard work was all about , and to never let a bully get the best of you. Thanks, Johnny Carson.*

Pat Carlisle

Patrick Carlisle - September 12, 2020 at 07:14 PM

SK

Uncle Dick, just made you laugh, even when I just looked at him, I knew he would say something to make me laugh, put him and my Dad, Bob Irelan together and you were in for a nite of comedy, We will miss you uncle Dick. Love your niece Sheila

Sheila Kerekes - September 12, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Zach Graven - September 12, 2020 at 12:51 PM

SH

“ *Dear Renee and Family,
We are so sorry about your Dad.
The times we saw him, he always had a sweet smile
and a mild mannered way about him.
We always loved seeing him in Church at Our Lady of Lourdes.
May he Rest In Peace,
All our love
Sharon, Dan and Joey Holtz*

Sharon Holtz - September 11, 2020 at 04:11 PM