



Richard Joseph Stainbrook

August 31, 1934 - February 20, 2023

Richard Joseph Stainbrook I entered eternal rest in Jesus on Monday, Feb. 20, 2023, in Maumee, Ohio. He was 88. He was born to Oscar and Anna (Steih) Stainbrook on Aug. 31, 1934, in Toledo, a city he called home his entire life.

He was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where he was baptized and later attended grade school. He graduated from Libbey High School and was drafted into the United States Army, where he served soon after the Korean War. After being honorably discharged, he worked as an insulator for over 30 years and as a Toledo firefighter for over 25. He was a proud union member and remained involved in both professions long after his retirement. Dick married Leora (Carter) Stainbrook on Dec. 5, 1959, and together they had three sons: Richard II (Wendy), Steven (Kristine) and Daniel (Patti), who all reside in the Toledo area. He raised his sons in a Christian home and taught them to value an honest day's work, a free meal, and a discount car repair.

Dick poured his time into supporting the endeavors of his three sons and 12 grandchildren. Over half a century, he attended thousands of baseball, softball, basketball, hockey and soccer games, as well as tennis matches, rowing, track and gymnastics meets - plus dozens of recitals, concerts, musicals, science fairs and graduations. He rarely expressed his love in words but showed it constantly in his presence.

Dick loved to talk, and he loved people. He had a story about everything, he

knew someone everywhere he went, and he never kept an opinion to himself. Every meeting he attended was too long, and his grandkids' playing time was too short. He attended every funeral he could to support friends and colleagues, and even as his memory began to fade, he still made time for old friends.

Dick was as old-school as they come, but he was ahead of his time in knowing "a walk is as good as a hit" in baseball and softball. As a church-league dartball player, he knew the value of getting on base and usually led the team in batting average. He and Leora enjoyed bowling for many years, and they took frequent trips to Las Vegas.

He spent countless hours volunteering with the Old Newsboys and at Trinity Lutheran Church, where his handyman skills usually produced a quick fix and a good laugh. During church services, he was the first to stand, the first to sit, and the first to let the pastor know whether the sermon was any good. He sang in church and he sang at birthday parties, which warmed the heart even more than it troubled the ears. For more than eight decades, he loved Jesus by loving others, and now he rests from his labors.

Preceding Dick in death are his parents and his brother, Robert Charles Stainbrook I. Surviving are Leora, his wife of 63 years, as well as his three sons and their wives, 12 grandchildren and their spouses, and three (soon to be six) great-grandchildren.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Sunday, February 26 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. with a Sharing of Memories at 6:00 followed by the Last Alarm service at 6:15. The funeral service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Monday, February 27 at 11:00 a.m. with an hour of visitation prior, beginning at 10:00. Burial will be at Toledo Memorial Park with Military Honors.

Memorial contribution may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church, 4560 Glendale Ave., Toledo, OH 43614 or The Toledo Firefighters Museum, 918 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH 43612. Please leave a condolence message for the

family at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 26. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Last Alarm, Sharing of Memories

FEB 26. 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

FEB 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran
4560 Glendale Avenue
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Ceremony

FEB 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran
4560 Glendale Avenue
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

BL

“ Steve: I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad!! I am sorry I missed talking to you yesterday, but you were talking to other concerned people, and I didn't want to interrupt. In any case, lean on your family, faith, and friends for comfort and support. Additionally, treasure ALL of those wonderful memories you have of your Dad and family while growing up and while sharing experiences with him on the TFR&D. Hopefully, that will at least ease the pain of his loss. Take care and may God bless you. Brian Lieberman

Brian S Lieberman - February 27, 2023 at 08:48 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Joseph Stainbrook.



February 24, 2023 at 04:17 PM

NB

“ Richard, Steve, Dan: We are very sorry for your loss. Your dad was great in so many ways. One of my fondest memories, as I was sometimes faced with his inquiring questions, was when he asked of potential new church members, "have they read the church constitution?" It always brought a smile to everyone. We're thinking of you. Lou Ann and Norm

Norm Brettel - February 24, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Joseph Stainbrook.*



February 24, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - February 24, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Joseph Stainbrook.*



February 24, 2023 at 07:23 AM



“ *1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - February 23, 2023 at 11:31 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Joseph Stainbrook.*



February 23, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Joseph Stainbrook.*



February 22, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Met Dick when my daughter Patti married into his family. I instantly noticed his kindness and sense of humor. You also could tell his family meant everything to him. He was proud of each and every one of them.*



His passing leaves a big void behind. My condolences to his family and friends.

Kathy Stripling - February 22, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *One of the nicest guys I ever worked with on the Fire Department. Just a really good guy. A straight shooter, proud to call him a friend. May he rest in peace.*

Joe Walter - February 22, 2023 at 11:14 AM

TE

“ Thoughts and prayers as you celebrate the life of Mr. Stainbrook.

Tim and Karen Morris Eade - February 22, 2023 at 08:18 AM

HC

“ I am sad to learn that your dad, Richard passed away. I remember him from high school, as well as the time we shared since Kris became a part of his family. May he rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon him.

Helyn Carr - February 21, 2023 at 09:04 PM

DT

“ Mrs. Stainbrook, Steve and Kris, Richard and Wendy, Dan and Patti---so very sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He will be missed, and I'll cherish his serenades on my birthdays in the narthex of Trinity. Prayers to all as you navigate this loss.

Diane & Mike Thorpe - February 21, 2023 at 08:54 PM

CN

To all the Stainbrooks-I always loved Dick's honesty and kindness. He was a Christian and faithful long time member of Trinity where I had the honor of knowing him. I will miss him but know he is with his Lord. Sending you all hugs and prayers. Carol Norton

Carol Norton - February 21, 2023 at 10:44 PM

JH

Steve and Rich, the Stainbrook family, and all the extended family and friends, we offer our deepest condolences. I'll always remember Mr. Stainbrook sitting in his living room after a day's work, giving Steve the business as we left to go have our teenage fun. He was a great man, a great sense of humor, a good coach for our softball teams, and a tremendous father and mentor. He will be missed, but his memories will live with me forever. Jim Hesemann

Jim Hesemann - February 22, 2023 at 05:39 AM

CB

Leora, Richard, Steven, Dan and all your families—I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Dick but know that the Lord has called him to his heavenly home. He lived his faith with a quiet and a dedicated sincerity. He loved Trinity and was always willing to help. I remember Voter's Meetings, Dick always sat in the front and after a presentation was made, Dick asked one simple question, "How are we going to pay for it?" If you didn't have a clear and common-sense answer to that question, he was against it and rightfully so. Dick loved his family and his Lord. He showed it with his dedication and his actions. I remember during our school/ gym building program, we decided to keep the costs down by re-roofing the older parts of the school ourselves. Dick was very skeptical that we'd get the volunteers to help. He came and told me, Pastor Charlie, it will probably only be the two of us. The first weekend we had 28 men, at the end of the day Dick said, they won't be back next week, but I'll be there. The following week we had 63 workers and Dick was over-joyed. The third weekend the roofs were all finished. Dick simply responded I knew it all along. He was a faithful and loving servant, and I always loved his sharp wit and sneaky little smile. Our deepest sympathy. You are all in our prayers! God's peace to you as we know Dick rests now in our Savior's loving arms! Pastor Charlie and Carol Brandt

Carol Brandt - February 22, 2023 at 06:08 PM