



Richard "Dick" Wright

November 14, 1931 - October 12, 2009

ADRIAN – Richard “Dick” L. Wright, age 77, of Adrian, passed away Monday, October 12, 2009, with his family at his side.

He was born November 14, 1931 in Massillon, Ohio to Donald and Marie (Bell) Wright. Dick served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. On August 23, 1958, he married Gay Lee Evans in Canton, Ohio. Last year Dick and Gay celebrated their 50th anniversary with their family at Lake Michigan.

Dick earned his Bachelor’s Degree from Bowling Green State University and his Master’s Degree from Eastern Michigan University. He also held a Specialist Degree in Occupational Work Experience. Dick was a former member of the West Adrian United Church of Christ. He taught math at Madison Schools for seven years and architectural and mechanical drafting in the Sylvania, Ohio schools for 25 years, retiring in 1989. While at Madison, he also taught drivers training and served as Athletic Director. In his retirement, he worked at Springbrook Middle School where he was in charge of detention.

Dick loved golf. He helped start the Lenawee County Golf Association and served as the chairman. During his golfing career, he hit a hole-in-one, five times. He was a member of the Lenawee Country Club, a life-member of the VFW Annis Fint Post #1584 and a member of the W. C. Stark Post #97

American Legion. He was also a member of Phi Delta Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity and their alumni association. Dick was an avid bowler and enjoyed gardening and fishing.

In addition to Gay, his wife of over 51 years, he is survived by a son, Douglas Lee Wright of Toledo; two daughters, Margot Lee (Norbert) Hoffman of Westerville, OH; and Lynda Lee (John) Gercak of Kalamazoo; grandchildren: Rebekah Lee Wright, Matthew Scott Braun (Gercak), twins, Mitchell David and Kayla Marie Gercak; and a sister, Delores Allman of Massillon, OH.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Donna Bach.

The funeral service for Dick will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Gene Reitz officiating and military honors conducted by the VFW Annis Fint Post #1584. Burial will be private. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. You may send condolences to the family at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com. Contributions in memory of Dick may be made to the Parkinson Support Group of Lenawee or Maple Avenue Bible Church. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Dick" Wright*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear about Mr. Wright's passing , My thought's go out to his family , which I am sure miss him deeply.Mr Wright is one of the teachers I remember most. He was the rare person whom you respected not because he demanded it, but because he truly respected you. MR. WRIGHT," EVERYTHING IS COPASETIC."###imported-begin##Heidi Mickens (Specht)###imported-end##*

October 21, 2009 at 06:23 PM



“ *Gay,
I will always remeber "Mr. Wright" trying to teach me how to drive!!
He did succeed, thankfully.
Both of you were such an important part of my life at Madison,
(Class of "64). He will be greatly missed!
God Be With You, Gay!
Dottie###imported-begin##Dottie Huls (Dottie Garcia)###imported-end##*

October 16, 2009 at 10:53 PM



“ *Dick was a very nice person, and I served as the post chaplin under his term as comander of the VFW Post 1584 back in the late 60's. He is a person that I always remembered. May he rest in peace.###imported-begin##Gary M Snyder###imported-end##*

October 16, 2009 at 07:24 PM



“ Mrs. Wright and family, please accept my condolences. Mr. Wright was one of my favorite teachers.##imported-begin##Mary Lozano Ochoa Madison Class of "62"##imported-end##

October 15, 2009 at 08:12 PM



“ You are all a good part of my past. I loved your Dad's laugh but I remember him trying o teach me how to wipe several plates at a time at the roast beef dinner. I don't think I ever learned but I just liked to see him do it. Bless you all. Mary Sue##imported-begin##Mary Sue Proudfoot##imported-end##

October 15, 2009 at 06:01 PM



“ I worked for many years in the classroom next to Dick at Northview HS. He always was always great to chat with a positive attitute.##imported-begin##Tom Althoff##imported-end##

October 15, 2009 at 05:03 PM



“ My condolences to the family and my respect to Mr. Wright. A true gentleman and a great teacher.##imported-begin##Matt Horne##imported-end##

October 15, 2009 at 03:51 PM



“ Gay:

Sorry for your loss. Seems very recent that the two of you were in the funeral home for someone else's visitation. Take care.

*Harold Frederick
(former YMCA employee)##imported-begin##Harold
Frederick##imported-end##*

October 15, 2009 at 01:19 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. Mr. Wright taught me many things as a student at Madison High School. He was a great teacher, one of my favorites. He will be missed. God Bless.##imported-begin##Joe Orbeck##imported-end##*

October 15, 2009 at 01:52 AM



“ *I remember Mr. Wright as my drafting teacher in Sylvania.
A Good Man
RIP*

Billy##imported-begin##Bill Willis##imported-end##

October 14, 2009 at 10:19 PM



“ Gay, Doug, Margot and Lyn,

I was so sorry to hear about Dick. I knew him through all of you and it has always been clear how much he meant to you. He was busy teaching when I was teaching you kids at Prairie. My thoughts and prayers are with you. He will always be alive in your hearts and he will be watching over all of his family from his new home in heaven. Your loss is so painful now --- soon you will be able to remember -- and smile.

God bless.....Beth Noe June##imported-begin##Beth Noe June##imported-end##

October 14, 2009 at 06:33 PM



“ Wright Family,

I worked with Dick at Northview High School. What a wonderful man. We had many talks and laughs together. I was the school secretary for 35 years, and Dick has always been one of my favorite teachers. My thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Joanne Ehram##imported-end##

October 14, 2009 at 06:28 PM



“ Margot, I'm so sorry about the passing of your Dad. I understand how sad and empty you are feeling because I just lost my Dad on Oct. 1 and feel the same way. Blessings and prayers to you and your family. Hugs, Marci##imported-begin##Marci Coy-Bauman##imported-end##

October 14, 2009 at 11:18 AM



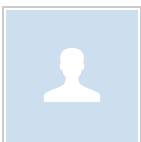
“ So sorry for your loss. I was a student of Richard at Sylvania Northview (class of 78). I always enjoyed going to his class. He was firm, but fair. I didn't realize he was such a great golfer. It makes sense now because he would constantly be swinging his pointer like a golf club as we were drawing. He was a good man.##imported-begin##David Powell##imported-end##

October 14, 2009 at 10:25 AM



“ Gay, Margot, Doug, and Lyn sorry I won't be able to be with sharing in your loss but I will be thinking of you and praying. Being neighbors I could tell many stories but the memory of Dick that I remember the most is when my folks had there wild parties and when on the following morning waking up to My dad, Dick, and one of my uncles or cousins solving all the world problems or arguing at the kitchen table. So happy that you could be there when Dick passed. May you have a good day in celebrating Dick's life. Sincerely your neighbor Rolin.##imported-begin##Rolin York##imported-end##

October 14, 2009 at 09:34 AM



“ Please accept my condolences. I still speak of the adventures my family endured as Mr. Wright taught me how to drive. May he rest in everlasting arms. ksp##imported-begin##Kathryn (Kaledo) Perez##imported-end##

October 13, 2009 at 08:47 PM



“ *Gay and Family...
Betsy called me and told me about Dicks passing. I am SOOO sorry for your loss, and you are definately in my thoughts and prayers. You know he's happy now...he can golf everyday!!!*

*Take Care of yourself...
Love and Miss ya
Michelle and Naria##imported-begin##Michelle Ford-Thompson##imported-end##*

October 13, 2009 at 08:19 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Mr. Wright's passing A "Good Guy" to whom I could never call him anything but "Mr. Wright".*

My sincere condolences to Mrs. Wright and her family.....

Class of 1963, Madison H.S.##imported-begin##Douglas L. Miller##imported-end##

October 13, 2009 at 07:35 PM



“ *To Doug Wright and family, i want too share my deepest sympathy for your loss. It's never easy to find the right words to say in times like these. So, just know that your friends and family care for you dearly and that i am here for you if you need me.##imported-begin##Timothy Hayden##imported-end##*

October 13, 2009 at 12:21 PM



“ To Doug, Rebekah, and the entire Wright family. Wishing you my very deepest sympathies for your loss.##imported-begin##William M. Schachner##imported-end##

October 13, 2009 at 11:59 AM



“ To the dear family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Kelly McNalley##imported-end##

October 13, 2009 at 08:55 AM



“ I love you PaPa and will miss you.##imported-begin##Rebekah Lee Wright##imported-end##

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