



Thomas "Tom" H. Dick

July 24, 1941 - March 15, 2025

Thomas "TD or Tom" H. Dick, 83 of Liberty Center, passed away Saturday morning, March 15, 2025, surrounded by his loving family at home.

Tom was born on July 24, 1941, in Blackford County, Indiana to Lawrence H. & Mona Irene (Dutro) Dick. He graduated from Roll High School in 1959 and earned his bachelor's degree from Ball State University and his master's degree from Indiana University.

Tom taught High School Math & Science in the Fort Wayne Community School System for 39 years, retiring in 1999. He also tutored students in the local community for many years after retiring.

A resident of Liberty Center since 1973, Tom was a former Liberty Township Trustee, a past president and officer of the Liberty Center Park Board, and Liberty Center Lions Club, and a retired member of the Indiana Teachers Association. He also attended several local Christian churches in the community with his wife.

Tom enjoyed gardening and sharing his produce with the neighbors. He could be described as a man of few words.

A blind date 66 years ago this very week, led to Tom and Elsie "Sue" Dick getting married on June 8, 1962, in Hartford City, Indiana.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Sue Dick of Liberty Center along with a son, Brett (Rebecca) Dick of Union County, Tennessee. He was proud of his favorite granddaughter, Ashley Turnbull of Bluffton, and favorite grandson, Joshua (Amber) Dick of Poneto, along with 7 great-grandchildren: Reese

Turnbull, Khloe Dick, Charlie McNally, Carly Turnbull, Remi Dick, Oaklyn Dick, and Savannah Turnbull. He is also survived by a brother, James I. Dick of Jackson Township, Wells County.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and a son, Brian H. Dick in 1990.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 P.M. on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

Funeral services will take place on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 2 P.M. at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Joe Hines and Pastor Aaron Westfall will officiate. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery. Memorials may be made in Tom's memory to the Liberty Center Community Park Board or Grace & Mercy Transitional Housing (Women's Shelter) and can be sent to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends are welcome to share online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

MAR 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
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Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas "Tom" H. Dick*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 18, 2025 at 03:30 PM

DS

“ *I'm a former resident of Liberty Center and good friend of Tom and Sue. Sending condolences to the family. I worked on LC park board with Tom and with Sue on Bible School, as I recall. I have enjoyed many conversations with them and enjoyed their Christian outlook*

Diana R Sell - March 30, 2025 at 08:53 PM

JB

“ *Two of the easiest days of Math class were spent in the late 1960s at Kekionga Junior High. We walked into class, and there sat a TV on a cart, tuned in to the World Series. At first, we were confused and waited for it to be turned off and get down to the day's lesson. But nothing was spoken in the way of instruction. Pretty soon, we figured out the only lesson to be learned that day was that life isn't meant to be all work and to enjoy it as you have opportunity. I didn't know Mr. Dick well at all, but that memory has stuck with me all these years later. Sincere condolences to the family. Be thankful that you were blessed with a life well lived with him.*

Jan (Hoke) Baber - March 20, 2025 at 11:12 AM

JG

“ Dear Sue and family,

*I was so sorry to hear of the loss of Tom.
May you find peace and comfort in your
Time of sorrow.*

*I will always remember the short talks
that Tom and I had at the Roll High School
reunions.*

*Jerry L. Glancy
7214 E. Brookview Cir.
Wichita, KS 67726*

Jerry Glancy - March 19, 2025 at 04:00 PM

KW

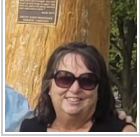
“ *Carol and I were saddened to hear of Tom's passing. Know that you
and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. Kyle and Carol
Wietholter*

Kyle and Carol Wietholter - March 18, 2025 at 09:59 PM

CM

“ *So sorry for your loss Sue. My memory is of the many fish fry's he
helped with. He sure loved his fish. Chris Mossburg*

Christine Mossburg - March 18, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ Tom was a good friend and I treasure the memories of him helping Darrell and I farm in the summers for several years. Sue, you now have joined the world of widowhood and I know it can be hard. I love you and always will. Brett, I'm sorry for the loss of your Dad. God bless all of you in this transition. PTL, Tom is now with the Lord!

Sue Dowling - March 18, 2025 at 05:20 PM

JM

“ Sue. Sorry to hear that another cousin is gone Always enjoyed his presence. Peace and comfort to you and your family.
Judy Markin.

Judy Markin - March 18, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ 76 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 17, 2025 at 03:48 PM



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Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 17, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ *My heart aches for Sue, Brett, family and friends...but I can't help but rejoice that Tom is walking the streets of gold with our Heavenly Father. Praying God's peace that passes all understanding over all of you. Prayers and hugs being sent from Florida! - Candis Daugherty & Family*

Candis Daugherty - March 17, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ *It was sad to read about Tom's passing. He was one of our faithful bowlers for many years at The Bowling Center. I could count on seeing him every Monday night. RIP Tom.*

Steve Kunkel - March 16, 2025 at 11:15 PM

LS

“ Tom was one of the first people to give me a hug when I came to the then "Liberty Center Methodist Church" as a new resident to the area. Always had a smile and a dry sense of humor He gave the biggest, best hugs ever. Prayers to Sue, Brett, Ashley and Josh. He will.be sorely missed by so many people.

Lois Collins Shroyer - March 16, 2025 at 09:30 PM

NM

“ Tom was a special guy. We knew to expect two things from Tom, a huge hug and a morning report on 4-leaf clovers. At Wayne High School the path from the staff parking lot to the back door led through a patch of clover. Every spring, every day, Tom found at least 1, usually more, true 4 leaf clovers. Tom will be remembered for his love of greenery, spring, kids, all of life.

Nancy Mack - March 16, 2025 at 09:15 PM

HA

“ Halls from Arkansas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" H. Dick.

Halls from Arkansas - March 16, 2025 at 02:57 PM

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“ Tom and I grew up about a half mile from each other in Roll, Indiana in the 1950's. The world was a much simpler place. We attended Roll High School together and Tom was the Star of the High School Track Team. He ran all of the events, plus high-jumped and pole vaulted. I so much wanted to learn to pole vault and Tom attempted to show me how. It was like trying to teach a chicken how to pole vault! Needless to say, I never made the track team or learned how to pole-vault.

Tom was also responsible for enrolling a garter snake into RHS. The snake was only there one-day and did not graduate.

Tom was the kid who you wanted to help you with the advanced math problems. No one ever asked me for help.

Tom and I also attended Ball State together and even had a couple of classes together. That was unusual in the 1960's as BSU had an enrollment of around 13,000 at the time.

As retirees we would occasionally travel together to see baseball games. He was a Saint Louis Cardinals fan forever. I wonder if Tom is in the Clubhouse now talking to Stan Musial?

RIP Buddy,

*John Russell,
RHS 1959, BSU 1963*

John Russell - March 16, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" H. Dick.*



March 16, 2025 at 09:19 AM



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