



## Richard "Dick" Lee Witherby

August 11, 1933 - February 28, 2013

### "Racer"

Richard "Dick" Lee Witherby, 79, of Rockford passed away on Thursday, February 28, 2013 after a long struggle. Born August 11, 1933, son of Kenneth and Myrtle (Millard) Witherby. Dick is survived by his wife, Mary; children, Cindy (John) Bacher, Ora (P.J.) Andrew, Rick (Judy) Witherby, Ron (Julie) Witherby; special cousin, Randy (Charlotte) Todd; eight grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Dick was employed as a mechanic at Rockford Blacktop, GMC and was also self-employed. He was an avid drag racer throughout the Midwest and was known to be the first drag racer to make the first run down the Byron Dragway. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Great Lakes Dragway in 2011. He also loved Ham radio and spent many hours talking to others around the world. (N9CCC) Preceded in death by his parents, granddaughter, Kasey and his favorite Bassett Hound Maggie. Dick's family extends a special thanks to the 2 South Staff at Amberwood Care Centre for their loving care. He sure gave them a run for their money! A Memorial Visitation will be Monday, March 4, 2013 from 5 -7 p.m. at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services, 1340 South Alpine Rd. Rockford – At Colonial Village. To share a memory or condolence, please visit [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com). In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services

4301 N. Main Street

Rockford, IL 61103

(815) 395-0559

[kristan@gracefh.com](mailto:kristan@gracefh.com)

<https://www.gracefh.com>

# Tribute Wall

MN

“ I'm very sorry I missed N9CCC passing. I miss my friend and fellow ham. I hope Mary and the kids will forgive me. I will miss all the times we sat in the garage talking ham radio. Moe N9CCE

Maurice (Moe) Bolte N9CCE - July 26, 2014 at 10:06 AM

SP

“ Cindy, Ora, Rick and Ron: My sympathies to all of you on the loss of your Dad. I remember the dragster being in the driveway all the time as we were kids. I am sorry I didn't know early enough to be able to stop by and see all. Take care and keep him close with your memories. Sue Podeszwa

Sue Podeszwa - March 05, 2013 at 10:08 PM

MW

“ Mary and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Myron and Dick had so many good times in the rebuild room at Rockford Truck. They shared a mutual respect for each others knowledge in their field of expertise. Constantly "picking " each others brain. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time.

Myron and Karen Wiese

myron and karen wiese - March 04, 2013 at 09:04 PM

 Jean  
Fisher  
Olivencia

“ Cindy, so sorry to hear about your father. Please let me know if there is anything you need. My sympathies to you and your family. Jean O.

Jean Fisher Olivencia - March 04, 2013 at 03:46 PM

DB

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father Cindy. It's Debbie Randall here! I don't know if you remember me, but I sure remember you and your family. Please except our deepest sympathies while you struggle with your loss.

*The Brad Boyd family*

---

**Debbie (Randall) Boyd** - March 04, 2013 at 08:05 AM