



Richard "Dick" Redmond

May 30, 1932 - December 31, 2025

Richard "Dick" Redmond, 93, of Rockford went to be with his Lord and Savior on December 31, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Born May 30, 1932 in Beloit, WI; son of John and Lucy (Sorensen) Redmond. Graduate of Beloit Memorial High School, class of 1950, where he was on the football team where he grew to love the game. After barely graduating, Dick served his county honorably in the United States Navy on the USS Badoeng Straight during the Korean War. Upon his discharge from the Navy, he enrolled and passed a four year carpenter apprentice program during which time he met his future wife at a barn dance in Beloit, WI. When he spotted Dorothy "Dot" Arbogast across the room, he knew immediately that he was going to marry her and told her that same evening. Dick and Dot were united in marriage on July 19, 1958; they were devoted to each other and celebrated 67 years of marriage in 2025. Upon completion of his carpenter apprentice program, Dick was hired as a carpenter at the Wagon Wheel Resort in Rockton where he worked for 17 years. He furthered his career at Doane Welding for 15 years. He later went on to work for the Steamfitters Union 601 for 10 years and retired in 2005. Dick grew up on the shores of the Rock River in Beloit, he loved any activity based on the water. He spent his winters ice skating on the Rock River and summers boat racing, fishing and water skiing. Dick loved watching his Green Bay Packers. His claim to fame was saying he was at the NFL famous Ice Bowl where his beloved Packers beat the Dallas Cowboys. He was a former member of First Baptist Church and long time member of

Berean Baptist Church. He and Dot raised three children; Randall Redmond, Steven Redmond and Rhonda (Philip) Whitehead. In addition to his wife, Dot and children; he is survived by grandchildren, Travis (Allie) Redmond, Tanner Redmond, Isaiah (Keeley) Whitehead, Olivia Whitehead; great-grandchildren, Ryder Redmond, Tripp Redmond, Emelia Redmond, baby Whitehead (due June of 2026) and brother-in-law, Alan Wilson. Preceded in death by his parents and siblings. The Redmond family would like to send a special thanks to Serenity Hospice and their staff (Terry the primary nurse) and Dr. Lori Schultz for their extra care. Thank you also to family and friends for your love, thoughts, prayers. Visitation January 24, 2026 at 10 am, followed by a funeral service at 11 am at Memorial Baptist Church, 7007 Flora Rd. Rockford. Pastor Scott Rehfeldt will officiate. The family would encourage you to wear your favorite Packers attire or your favorite football team apparel in honor of Dick. Interment in Willwood Burial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory may be made to the Rockford Rescue Mission. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Baptist Church
7007 Flora Rd.
Rockford, IL

Funeral Service

JAN 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Baptist Church
7007 Flora Rd.
Rockford, IL

Graveside Service

JAN 24. 12:00 PM (CT)

Willwood Burial Park
7000 West State Street
Rockford, IL 61102

Tribute Wall

FF

“ From Steve’s Florida friends and family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Richard "Dick" Redmond.



From Steve’s Florida friends and family - January 21 at 02:29 PM

CU

“ I can not even describe how much it hurts to lose Uncle Dick. He was my Mom's last living sibling and the end of the original Redmond family. I loved him and will miss him at the family reunions. He always kept everyone laughing with his jokes and his laugh. His die-hard Packer loyalty was amazing, whether they won or lost, he was rooting for them. I am happy for him because I know he is in the arms of our Lord and Savior and he is reunited with his parents, siblings and friends who have passed. I'm sure he and Mom are up there right now doing the Jitterbug! RIP Uncle Dick. I'll see you when I get there.



CindyMike Udell - January 18 at 07:08 PM

PB

“ Dick and my husband Larry were such great buddies for many years. They work together at the wagon wheel Lodge, where Dick did remodeling and Larry did the floor coverings for Walt Williamson. They had such a great time together, a lot of laughs. Dick then helped remodel our kitchen when we purchased an old historic home. His carpentry skills were amazing. We had so much fun and laughed every night at dinner. Always had a big smile. Such a great guy. I'm sure he's going to be sorely missed by everyone.

Pat Bankord - January 18 at 02:12 PM



“ Mr. Redmond was one of a kind. He always would greet me with a smile and call me "Kimmy". I liked bumping into him & Dot and being able to catch up on all the family. You will truly be missed.



Kim Knight - January 15 at 04:53 PM

SS

“ Sending our Love: Cathy & Stephen Shaffer purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Richard "Dick" Redmond.



Sending our Love: Cathy & Stephen Shaffer - January 14 at 11:26 AM

HE

“ Any time Dick's name was mentioned in the Boehm home while Heath and Jarod were growing up, it was always with love, appreciation and, often, a twinkle in the eye because Dick had made Gary and Betty laugh. Heath and his mom, Betty, are typing this together. Betty remembers the Packer garage door. Heath remembers his dad and Dick telling jokes and making each other laugh.

Betty is grateful for the group of Berean young adults that raised families together and became forever bonded through their love of Jesus and their love of each other's families. No matter how far geography separated them, Dick and Dottie and Gary and Betty would do anything for each other.

Dick and Dottie brought their family to Texas for several visits over the years. During this time, they reminisced about old memories and made new memories.

Heath is thankful that the Redmond/Boehm connection gave him his lifelong friend/sister, Rhonda.

Heath - January 10 at 07:53 PM



Darryl and Reitha Cummings Met Richard and Dorothy at Berean Baptist, and they were always very good to us. Richard and his wife made a lasting impression on us all, very good. Our condolences and prayers to the family.

Darryl Cummings - January 23 at 10:52 PM