



## Richard James Todd

March 17, 1947 - January 14, 2026

Richard "Dick" James Todd, 78, of Rockford went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 14, 2026. Born March 17, 1947 in Oak Park; son of Adam and Ruth (Peterson) Todd. Graduate of Oak Park River Forest High School, class of 1965. He attended the College of Advanced Traffic and obtained his certification in transportation. Dick co-founded Todd Transit with his wife, Linda. Their company expanded focus and services over the course of their careers to include Todd Special Services and Todd Leasing. United in Marriage to Linda Jackson on August 19, 1967 at St. Peter's Evangelical Church in Forest Park. Dick loved the Lord and was an active volunteer at City First Church, Christian Business Men's Committee (CBMC), an elder at Rockford Rescue Mission, and sang Handel's "Messiah" with the Rockford Choral Union. In his free time, he liked to bowl, fish, golf and sail. Dick and Linda enjoyed visiting Eagle River, WI together. He was truly the best husband, dad, grandpa and father-in-law ever. Survived by his wife, Linda; children, Sherry (John) Butzow, Michael (Mary) Todd, Jason (Kirsten) Todd and former wife Beth Spiritosanto; grandchildren, Andrew (Ashlyi) Butzow, Hannah Butzow, Sarah Butzow, Rebekah Butzow, Reilly (Jacob) McClanahan, Joel (Jenna) Todd, Sam (Kayle) Todd, Ella Todd, Nathaniel Todd, Noah Todd, Madeline Todd, Hayle Kohls, Lilly Kohls, Shane Kohls; great-grandchildren, Elsie, Annie, Wilson and Emily. Preceded in death by his parents; sister, Judy Reneker - Burd; brothers-in-law, Bill Reneker, Bill Burd; pets, Zipper, Happy, Snooky, Sandy and Taffy. Visitation on Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 8:30

am to 10:30 am at First Covenant Church, 316 Wood Rd, Rockford, IL, followed by a funeral service at 10:30 am, and luncheon. Pastor Mark Taylor will officiate. Private family interment in Arlington Memorial Park. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

First Covenant Church  
316 Wood Rd  
Rockford, IL 61107-4999  
(815) 398-4247

## Funeral Service

JAN 31. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First Covenant  
316 Wood Rd  
Rockford, IL

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Dick was always a pleasant fellow to greet at church events at CityFirst when our paths would occasionally cross. I am glad that we knew him, and we pray comfort for Linda. John & Bev Menken.

john menken - February 07 at 10:06 AM

SS

“ I enjoyed doing business with Dick over the years. He was always kind and honest and cheerful. I always enjoyed talking to him at parades and swim meets. He was a special person.

Steve Schoepfer - January 31 at 10:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard James Todd.



January 31 at 10:36 AM

BZ

“ Through the years of working with Richard, I could not help but learn lessons of life. We will all have memories to cherish.  
Bob and Deb Zaug

Bob and Deb Zaug - January 30 at 10:31 AM

JS

“ Jeff, Marilyn, Mike & Matt Skinner purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of Richard James Todd.



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**Jeff, Marilyn, Mike & Matt Skinner** - January 30 at 10:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Richard James Todd.



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January 30 at 08:33 AM

AB

“ Andrew & Ashlyi Butzow planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard James Todd.

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**Andrew & Ashlyi Butzow** - January 30 at 07:14 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Richard James Todd.



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January 30 at 07:14 AM

RF

“ Rob and Chris Reneker and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard James Todd.

Rob and Chris Reneker and Family - January 29 at 11:19 PM

RF

“ Rob and Chris Reneker and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard James Todd.



Rob and Chris Reneker and Family - January 29 at 11:19 PM

DR

“ Dave and Cathy Richardson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard James Todd.



Dave and Cathy Richardson - January 29 at 09:33 PM

DR

“ Dave and Cathy Richardson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard James Todd.

Dave and Cathy Richardson - January 29 at 09:33 PM

RF

“ Rob Etnyre and extended family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard James Todd.

Rob Etnyre and extended family - January 29 at 03:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard James Todd.



January 29 at 03:06 PM

MN

“ My condolences to the Todd family for your loss. Dick was such a kind and wonderful person. We had many conversations about his faith and how he cherished his family.

Mindy Nanni

Mindy Nanni - January 29 at 01:04 PM

DA

“ It was a great honor to serve alongside Dick at the RRM. He was one of the most kind and caring men I have ever known. His smile was contagious, and his encouragement was genuine. If he asked you how you were doing, he really wanted to know. And you knew he would pray for you. The Aldridge family joins the Todds in missing him greatly. May the loving arms of Almighty God surround Linda and the family.

Dave Aldridge - January 28 at 09:16 PM

IF

“ In Christ, The Tucker family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard James Todd.

In Christ, The Tucker family - January 28 at 05:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard James Todd.



January 28 at 05:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard James Todd.



January 28 at 04:31 PM

SB

“ Our deep condolences and prayers for Linda and family. We spent so many summers together in Eagle River watching our families grow. And having deep discussions with Dick on so many different subjects. We'll think of Dick and family again this year and say a little prayer in front of cabin 3 🙏. Steve and Pat B

Steve & Pat Brunger - January 27 at 09:44 PM

TI

“ Almost thirty years ago, my wife and I came to the United States as refugees with very little English and many fears about the future. After an interview at Todd Transit, I stood outside with my pregnant wife, unsure of what would happen next. A man approached me, spoke kindly, and told me I was hired. I later learned that man was Dick Todd.

That moment changed my life. Dick Todd was humble, approachable, and deeply kind. He saw people for who they were and gave hope when it was needed most. I will forever be grateful and will never forget his generosity. It was the privilege of my life to know Dick Todd.

My deepest and most sincere condolences to Linda, Miki, and the entire family.

Tim Shulgan

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Tim - January 27 at 07:29 PM

DW

“ We are so deeply sorry for the Todd family's loss of Linda's beloved husband , His children His Grandchildren & furkids daddy our deepest sympathy and condolences to all Rembr Dick is forever with you in spirit and your Guardian Angel until you meet again in Heaven someday my Hubby Ron & I will never forget him We think of Dick & Linda as extended family My our heart breaks for all of them May God help ease their pain knowing he is in God's loving arms He us one of the most caring loving person we have ever known He even helped us in so many ways & him & Linda brought my husband into their company What a blessing that was & forever will be His wisdom for God & other knowledge His smile His laugh His looks he made His love for God & his Wife & his family His work family His church We are so extremely blessed to have had him in our lives Mayhe rip knowing how much he will be forever missed loved rembr'd by many esp his family Prayers for his family Dick we love you & your family that's a forever promise & we will be here for your family when needed Until we meet again someday in Heaven ☐ 🕊️💕🙏  
Love always  
Donna & Ron Wick



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Donna & Ron Wick - January 27 at 05:16 PM

JM

“ It saddens me greatly hearing of your passing. You have been very helpful to me and my family. Dick, you are a kind, great man with a large heart wanting to help people. You taught me many things that I will be forever grateful. You were there when I needed help. Peace be with you. Joseph McNabb

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Joseph McNabb - January 27 at 02:28 PM

TT

“ The entire Acrisure/Legacy HNI team. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard James Todd.

The entire Acrisure/Legacy HNI team. - January 27 at 01:51 PM

TT

“ The entire Acrisure/Legacy HNI team. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Richard James Todd.



The entire Acrisure/Legacy HNI team. - January 27 at 01:51 PM

RH

“ Robert and Margo Helgeson purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Richard James Todd.



Robert and Margo Helgeson - January 26 at 04:33 PM

LT

“ Just a thank you for all the words of wisdom and encouragement that Dick gave whenever he came and shared a word with us here at the mission. Keeping the family in prayer.

leona Tennin - January 26 at 02:38 PM

KS

“ Our deepest condolences to the Todd family. I will always remember Dick as a man of God. He lived his faith every day, always prepared to help others and gently point them to Christ, either by word or deed. Thank you, Dick.  
With sympathy, Kathleen and Adrian.

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**kathleen and Adrian Samaniego** - January 26 at 02:18 PM

DR

“ I will always remember Richard at the RRM mission during Elder chapel speaking his love for God and good conversations after the service. My condolences to his wife and the family and I pray for comfort.

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**Dave Richert** - January 26 at 10:18 AM

LS

“ Dick has always been a very special cousin to me, being my age, known and loved forever it seems! Even though I moved around often, I always looked forward to our visits in Oak Park with him as kids (walking around town and hanging out together) and less often as adults, but just as much fun and meaningful. My husband and I were hoping to have Linda and Dick visit us in Hawaii. I will miss that, but I know he is in heaven's embrace now!!

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**Laurie (Wedell) Street and Steve Street** - January 25 at 05:14 PM

LS

We will send a donation to the American Heart Assn. in memory of Dick and his kind, compassionate heart. This tribute is also for our brother Chuck Wedell (who Dick showed so much compassion for)!

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**Laurie (Wedell) Street** - January 27 at 08:46 PM

RK

“ I will miss the morning greetings, laughter, Halloween costume, which he wore every year and the caring, compassionate demeanor that he possessed. Condolence to Linda and family for healing during this time of grief . Rest In Peace, Dick you definitely went to soon and will be missed. Rita and Family

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**Rita Kepler** - January 25 at 01:43 PM