



## Richard "Dick" W. Michel

June 2, 1933 - January 4, 2023

Richard "Dick" W. Michel, 89, of Huntington, passed away at 8:09 pm Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN.

Dick was born on June 2, 1933, in Huntington, IN, the son of Herbert Michel and Pauline (Kennedy) Michel. He graduated from Washington Center in Whitley County, IN with the class of 1952. Dick then married Elizabeth "Betty" Gillespie on April 19, 1953, at the United Methodist Church in Columbia City, IN. Together they were in their 70th year of marriage. Dick served in the United States Army during the Korean War (1954-1956) where he was stationed in the Territory of Alaska. Dick worked as a farmer his whole life, starting young working for the family farm then onto his own farm in Clear Creek.

Dick was a member of the American Legion Post #85 and a member of the Bippus Lions Club for over 50 years. He was a club leader in the Huntington County 4-H, Clear Creek Township Advisory Board member for 40 years, and a board member for Evangelical United Methodist Church of Huntington, IN, where he also helped with maintenance of the building. In his free time Dick loved to fish, golf, and garden. He was an avid fan of IU Hoosiers basketball and the Chicago Cubs baseball team.

Survivors include his Wife, Elizabeth "Betty" (Richard) Michel of Huntington,

IN; Three Sons, Kevin R. (Jere) Michel of Columbia City, IN, Edward L. (Carol) Michel of Huntington, IN, and Mark W. (Janet) Michel of Houston, TX; Daughter, Beth E. (Jerry) Holland of Cocoa Beach, FL; Brother, Donald Michel of Richmond, IN; Two Sisters, Joyce A. Butler of Columbia City, IN, and Becky Puckett of Columbia City, IN; He was “Pops” to Seven Grandchildren- Kyle, Jessica, Jarod, Karisa, Matthew, Ryan, and Nathan; and Six Great Grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his Father, Herbert Michel, Mother, Pauline Michel, and Four Brothers, Loren Michel, Lyle Michel, Robert “Bob” Michel, and Raymond Michel.

Visitation will be from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Sunday, January 8, 2023, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Dr, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am, Monday, January 9, 2023, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Chris Lantz officiating. There will be a one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Beech Grove Cemetery in Huntington. Military Honors will be rendered by the VFW Post 2689 Honor Guard.

Preferred memorials to the Evangelical United Methodist Church of Huntington, IN, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Richard “Dick” W. Michel.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
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wecare@baileylove.com  
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## Service

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Dick Michel.*



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - January 06, 2023 at 03:05 PM

JW

*What a beautiful video of his smiling face and the family he loved! I pray for God's peace and the strength brought by your happy memories for ALL of his family... while you wait to be with him again.*

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**Joni Wallace** - January 08, 2023 at 11:09 AM

DJ

*Saddened to hear of Dick's passing. Always have fond memories of time spent with the family. May you find peace in those cherished memories.*

*- DeLynn Johnston*

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**DeLynn Johnston** - January 11, 2023 at 04:15 AM

JM

*So sorry for your family's loss. Cherish your precious memories of times together... until you meet again and make more memories. God's blessings on you all.*

*Jane Guethler Meilbeck*

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**Jane Meilbeck** - January 16, 2023 at 08:14 AM

GF

“ *Very sorry for the loss of your father, Mark. Please extend the same to your Mom and family as well.*

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**Greg Fields** - January 09, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" W. Michel.*



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January 05, 2023 at 11:07 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss of your father, Ed. Your Mother, you, and your family have my sincerest condolences.*  
*-Jim Carter*

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**Jim Carter** - January 05, 2023 at 06:39 PM



*Thoughts and prayers go up to the entire Michel Family on the passing of a kind, thoughtful and loving "gentleman". Your father encompassed all the good a person can possess and it showed to all who met him... may he RIP.*

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**Jeanie Schilling** - January 06, 2023 at 08:33 AM



*Ed and Mark sorry to hear of your father passing. Thoughts and prayer's. Dennis Henderson*

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**Dennis Henderson** - January 10, 2023 at 10:51 AM