



Richard M. Retherford

January 25, 1931 - December 20, 2012

Richard M. Retherford, age 81, of Huntington, formerly of Marion, passed at 4:06 p.m. Thursday (December 20, 2012) at his residence.

There will be no visitation or funeral service. A Military Graveside Service will be held 12:00 p.m., Monday (December 24, 2012) at the Marion Veterans Cemetery with Rev. Mary Ann Freeman officiating. The V.F.W. Post #2689 of Huntington will perform military rites.

Those desiring, may make memorial contributions to Heartland Hospice Services in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Richard was born January 25, 1931, in Marion, the son of Ralph and Virgiale (Colecord) Retherford. He graduated in 1949 from Lafontaine High School and attended Kentucky Christian College along with Elkhart University. Richard was a veteran of the United States Army and served in the Korean War as Captain of the 82 Air Borne.

Richard was an Ordained Minister and served for many churches. He also enjoyed being a harness horse trainer. Prior to that he worked as truck stop manager and a dental technician.

Survivors include a son - David (Sherry) Retherford of Huntington; two daughters - Darlene (Tom) Walden of Poneto and Dana (Lonnie) Hafenstine of Wellington, Colorado; a sister Roberta Klein of Marion and a sister-in-law - Carol Retherford of Marion. His parents - Ralph and Virgialee Retherford; brother Ronald Retherford, grandparents - Mane and Margaret Retherford and Samuel and Lena Colcord preceded him in death.

Cemetery Details

Marion National Cemetery

1700 E. 38th St.
Marion, IN 46953

Previous Events

Service

DEC **24**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ *John L Walter lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Retherford*



John L Walter - December 31, 2012 at 04:47 PM



“ *I miss you but I know that God has bigger plans for you! The last weeks I got to spend with Grandpa Dick everyday were the hardest days I have had to endure but I will always remember the good days to! Just! like the day all he wanted to eat was "grapes" for lunch but there weren't any at all in the house. I kept telling him and asking him if he would like for me to make him something different and as I kept on asking him different things that I could make for him he would simply reply "grapes". LOL!! He was an ornery man and I will always cherish the time I was able to spend with him. I also want to say Thank you to the wonderful people at Heartland Hospice for all there compassion and care that they provided not only to Grandpa Dick but to anyone who may have been there when they were! Thanks Suzie and Rhonda you are truley a blessing and he enjoyed both of you*

Summer Wilhelm - December 31, 2012 at 04:00 PM



“ *Summer Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Retherford*



Summer Wilhelm - December 31, 2012 at 03:49 PM

WS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We did not know Richard well, but enjoyed him very much in the short time we were able to take care of him. He had some interesting stories and always had a smile.

Wesleyan Health Care Staff - December 24, 2012 at 09:09 AM

DZ

“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss, prayers for the family.
Don and Dianne zoch

Don and Dianne Zoch - December 23, 2012 at 06:11 AM