



Richard Alan Barrow

November 16, 1946 - May 2, 2026

Richard Alan Barrow, of Metamora, died on Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Richard was born on November 16, 1946, in Peoria, Illinois to Chris and Eleanor Barrow. He married Rhonda Yeargain on October 12, 1974, in East Peoria.

Richard is survived by Rhonda; his brother John; nieces and nephews; and special friends, Jeff and Felicia Schafer and Don and Nancy Skouby. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Richard worked at Caterpillar Tractor Company and retired after 45 years. He was an Army Veteran after serving from 1966-1968. He attended and was active at the Evangelical United Methodist Church in Washington and volunteered at the Richard L. Owens Hospice Home for 11 years, where he passed.

Gary Deiters Funeral Home and Cremation Services in East Peoria will afford cremation services.

Memorials may be made to the Evangelical United Methodist Church, 401 Walnut St., Washington, IL 61571. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I worked with Dick now and then at Cat. I always found him to be very precise in his work, and respected him for his commitment to accuracy.

John Doering - June 04 at 12:37 AM

PM

“ Dick was such a wonderful caring guy, volunteering wherever he was needed.
I remember your beautiful Wedding Day 51years ago. Rest in Peace Dick. 🙏
Our love,Patsy and Jerry Moore

Patsy and Jerry Moore - May 07 at 10:01 AM

RB

Thank you so much! I miss him so. Thank you also for your beautiful sympathy card.

Rhonda Barrow - May 07 at 09:46 PM

GI

“ Gigi purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Richard Alan Barrow.



Gigi - May 06 at 11:19 AM

MW

“ Dick spent a lot of his life serving others. Whether he was volunteering at the hospice center or helping others, his generosity was known by everyone that knew him. Dick reminded me of our beloved friend Ron. Both were always there when you needed a helping hand and were happy to do anything they could. It's not a wonder that the two of them became fast friends.

Unlike Ron, Dick was much more of a quiet man. Soft spoken and listened when you would tell a story. If it were something comical and he thought it was funny, you could get a big smile out of him. Which I enjoyed doing.

Susie, I am sure you have gotten a lot of beautiful condolences, cards and maybe even flowers. Let this be a bit of comfort to your heart to know that so many love and care for you and the loss of Dick.

Know that although he has gone to a much better place and is no longer here that he will always be with you and in your heart. He will be the cool breeze on a hot day, the smile on your face when you think of him and unfortunately, the tears that you shed. He will always be there.

With my love and heartfelt sympathy,
Donna

Madonna Westhafer - May 05 at 01:44 PM

RH

Donna, this is so beautiful and I thank you so much. You understood him well! Terri and I laughed and said we were sure Ron and Dick got together in heaven and wanted to work on something. It is very hard, but good friends like you will help me get through. Love You too.

Rhonda - May 05 at 04:05 PM

BH

“ Rhonda-I am so sorry for your loss. Richard and you have shown so much kindness to my parents through all these years. Richard will be missed and remembered for his generosity of spirit combined with the best work ethic I've ever seen. My sincerest condolences to you and all who knew and loved Richard.

Becky Stockner Hemker - May 04 at 10:50 PM

RH

Thank you Becky! Dick and your dad always were working on something. Dick thought the world of your parents, especially Al. Your parents are wonderful friends and neighbors.

Rhonda - May 05 at 04:08 PM

CS

“ Some 30+ years ago my sisters and I noticed that our new neighbor across the street kept the most carefully cared for yard and landscape we had ever seen! As we and especially my parents got to know them better over the years we discovered Richard and Rhonda were thoughtful and full of care in everything they did, the kindest people who helped my parents out selflessly and consistently through many tough times. My dad loves a good outdoor project but would always say Richard was more enthusiastic than he was to tackle taking down a dead tree together! We are so sorry to hear of his passing, and are remembering Richard fondly and wishing you peace and comfort.

Chris Stockner - May 04 at 10:33 PM

RH

Thank you Chris! Dick said he was the brawn and Al was the brains. They enjoyed working together. They have been very dear friends through these many years.

Rhonda - May 05 at 04:12 PM

JL

“ I was so saddened to hear of Richard’s passing. He was truly a kind and steady presence, and it was an honor to have known him—not only as a patient, but as someone who left a lasting impression through his warmth and character.

Richard had a genuine kindness that made people feel at ease. Knowing that he gave so much of his time volunteering at hospice speaks volumes about the kind of man he was—compassionate, selfless, and deeply caring.

He also held a special connection to my family through Dani. It brings me comfort to think of the friendship they shared, and I know he meant a great deal to her as well.

Please know that my heart goes out to all of you, especially Rhonda. I hope you can find comfort in the many lives Richard touched and the love he shared so freely.

He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Dr. Lutz and family*

Jenessa Lutz - May 04 at 05:32 PM

RB

Thank you so much Janessa. That is a beautiful honoring of Dick’s memory. He thought a lot of all the Saylor family.

Rhonda Barrow - May 04 at 07:35 PM

LE

“ I knew Dick through Rhonda !
He was always such a gentleman!!
So very sorry for your deep loss!
Linda E

Linda Esh - May 04 at 05:24 PM

RB

Thank you Linda, I appreciate your kind words.

Rhonda Barrow - May 04 at 07:36 PM

LR

*Dick lived a servant's heart. Caring and doing for others was a natural part of his life, whether he was volunteering at his church or at the hospice center, or even helping at home with the housework. He loved you so much, Rhonda. Was it 50 years? For all of us who were privileged to know him as a dear friend, we were blessed. Sending prayers and sympathy.
Love you, Linda Lou*

Linda Lou Robinson - May 06 at 04:15 PM

RB

Thank you Linda. Yes it was actually 51 years! I miss him so, but good friends help a lot. Love you too!

Rhonda Barrow - May 07 at 09:50 PM