



Richard Durbin

December 30, 1932 - March 22, 2024

Richard (Dick) Melvin Durbin, 91, of Springfield, Missouri, passed away on March 22, 2024, at home, surrounded by family whose love and prayers helped carry him peacefully into the arms of the Lord at 9:59 P.M.

Richard was born in Conway, Missouri on December 30, 1932, to Leo Alfred and Nellie Josephine Durbin. He grew up in Missouri and California as a boy, and in junior high school, his family settled in Morrisville, Missouri.

He received his diploma from Marion C. Early High School where he met his wife Edna (Edie) when she was only 13 years old. They married on December 2, 1951, and began a life of adventure. In the early years of their marriage, they lived in Kansas City and California, and settled in Springfield, Missouri in 1956 and Salem, Missouri in 1969. They traveled the world together, traversing Europe, cruising the Caribbean and the Mediterranean, and exploring Australia, as well as a host of other countries.

After retirement from the grocery business, they moved back to Springfield (1991) to be closer to family. Dick, a golf enthusiast, belonged to the Salem (Spring Creek) Country Club in Salem, Missouri and Twin Oaks Country Club in Springfield. He spent many happy years golfing in tournaments all around Missouri and sharing his love of the sport with his wife, Edie, who was also an avid golfer. He also enjoyed working in his yard, gardening, playing poker and

all kinds of card games, and spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his wife, Edna (Edie); his parents Leo and Nell; two brothers, Jack and Bill; and several nephews, nieces and cousins. He is survived by his two daughters and their husbands, Linda Robb (Thom) and Lisa Hester (Wes); his three grandchildren: Vanessa, Emily (Ben) and Norell; and four great grandchildren, Will (15), Quentin (14), Huck (5) and Boone (4). He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Funeral services will take place at 12:00 PM Saturday, March 30, 2024, at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar.

A visitation will take place one hour prior to the service on Saturday, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Dragonfly Wings Foundation.

Donations may be made by using the following link below:

<https://dflyw.org/dick-durbin-memorial-gift>

Donations may also be left with the funeral home, or mailed to

Dragonfly Wings Foundation

2312 East Briar Street

Springfield, Missouri 65804

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

S. Dunnegan Ave.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 30. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JY

“ Joe Yates planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Durbin.

Joe Yates - March 29, 2024 at 09:47 AM

JY

“ Joe Yates purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Richard Durbin.



Joe Yates - March 29, 2024 at 09:47 AM

GD

“ What a great man, Dick Durbin! He and his wife were a blessing for Salem, Missouri. Both were so gracious and kind to their grocery store customers and friends. Dick was an astute businessman and student of the stock market! He will be sorely missed! Gail and Allen Derscheid, Scottsdale, AZ

Gail and Allen Derscheid - March 26, 2024 at 12:06 PM

JS

“ Dear Lisa and family, I know it is so hard for you to say goodbye to such a good man, and I can only imagine the happiness he felt when united with your beautiful Mother, the other half of his heart! Cherish your beautiful memories and know that you and all the family are in my thoughts and many prayers. Love you, my friend!



Jan Shaw - March 25, 2024 at 06:05 PM