



## Diedrich Garbers

July 4, 1936 - March 8, 2017

Diedrich “Dick” Garbers, age 80, passed away at home on March 8, 2017. He was born on July 4, 1936 in Schneverdingen, Germany. He played soccer and earned his Journeyman as a Master Bricklayer. In 1954 at age 17, he immigrated to America and became a US citizen in 1960. He worked 40 yrs for Okos Bricklaying Co and was a 61 yr member of Local #3 Bricklayers Union.

He met the love of his life, Martha Helber, in July 1955 and they were married on May 4, 1956. Together they raised 5 children. They also hosted two exchange students, Akemi Matsushita from Tokyo and Cordula Florian from Berlin.

Proud of his German heritage, he was involved in several German clubs: GAF, GBU, Bavarian Sports Club (BSC), and Toledo Swiss. He was honored to serve as the 19 & 20th Chairman of the GAF. He was festival clean-up chairman and volunteered for the GAF set-up/clean-up for over 30 yrs. He volunteered to help build the main hall and clubhouse at Oak Shade Grove and brickwork at the BSC. He served as Marshall and helped with many functions for GBU District 510. He was proud that all his children and 4 grandchildren Schuhplattlered for the BSC. He enjoyed Gaufests with the Schuhplattler group and was a member of the BSC Stammtisch. After retirement in 1994, Dick and Martha managed the GAF Clubhouse for 10 yrs. As a 61 yr member of Hampton Park Christian Church, he served as an Usher, Deacon and Superintendent of Sunday School and also bowled and

played softball on church leagues. He enjoyed watching hockey, soccer, football, baseball, Indy 500 and NASCAR—esp Detroit Lions, Tigers, & Red Wings and OSU. He also loved going to casinos. Dick and Martha loved to travel to Germany to visit family and took over 20 cruises.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Minna Garbers; sister, Irmgard (Karl) Wolf; brothers, Otto (Irmkin) Garbers, Wilhelm Garbers and great-granddaughter, Cassie Mae.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 60 yrs Martha; children: Linda (Jim) Rice, Diane (John) Miller, Cheryl (John) Peters, Diedrich (Diane) Garbers Jr., and Susan (Chris) Heidenescher; grandchildren: Jimmy (Amber) Rice, Kelly Rice, Daniel (Lori) Staifer, Derek (Chrissy) Staifer, Desiree (Mike) Staifer Treadway, Justin and Chad Peters, Joe and Alan Heidenescher; great-grandchildren: Tori Skorich, Will, Evan, Ian and Norah Staifer; nephews in Schneverdingen, Harald (Uschi) Garbers and Manfred Wolf.

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ *MARTHA & FAMILY  
PRAYERS & CONDOLENCES  
PEACE & LOVE  
TOM & PAT*

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**TOM & PAT (HITCHCOCK) BEARD** - March 12, 2017 at 02:01 PM

EW

“ *Linda and Jim, we are very sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers Ed and Judy Wenger*

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**Ed Wenger** - March 12, 2017 at 01:32 PM

JG

“ *My heart goes to all of you. So sorry for you loss. He was a great man and a joy to be around.*

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**Jill (Page) Garrett** - March 12, 2017 at 07:18 AM

DP

“ *Linda & family I was sorry to hear of your dads passing. May he RIP. God Bless.  
Dessa*

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**Dessa Phelps-Monroe** - March 11, 2017 at 07:48 AM

JM

“ *R.I.P Dick. You've been a great Father-in-law, a good friend and an inspiration to many. You'll be missed, but never forgotten. John Miller*

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**J M** - March 10, 2017 at 02:46 PM

JV

“ To his loving wife and children. I am deeply saddened by your loss. Dick was truly a wonderful person who will be remembered by many as a compassionate, caring, and friendly man. I will see you again someday my friend.

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**John Valare** - March 10, 2017 at 02:19 PM

DJ

“ So sorry to hear about your dad read it in the paper. Take care of your mom now. Take care of yourself.

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**Dee Jaquay** - March 10, 2017 at 02:03 PM

KH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dick was really a character and always had a laugh for you. Be comforted that he is not in pain and he is celebrating with his GAF buddies in heaven (and cleaning up that trash....LOL)!

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**Kathy Holter** - March 10, 2017 at 12:58 PM

WL

“ Dear Garbers family,  
It's been a long time since we seen each other. I'm so sorry to hear of your lost. Sending prayers. Donna just got contacted me and told me  
William Limpf

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**William Limpf** - March 10, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ **Diedrich Garbers**

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March 10, 2017 at 12:40 PM



“ *Diedrich Garbers*

March 10, 2017 at 12:36 PM



“ *Dick, Martha and the kids were neighbors with our family for 20 years. Will miss him so much. Great husband, father and friend.*

**Roger Rhoads** - March 10, 2017 at 12:29 PM



“ *Dick you were an amazing neighbor. I will miss seeing you outside and squirrels and catching them moles. It was always great to see you, RIF your loss. Please don't hesitate to let us know if we can help you in any*

**Linda Howard** - March 10, 2017 at 08:41 AM



“ *Diedrich Garbers*

March 10, 2017 at 08:32 AM



“ *Dear Martha and family, We are so sad to read that Dickie passed away. We have had so many great times with him and all of you. His smile will be missed by all. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Sending hugs! Bob & Kathy*

**Kathy & Bob Shelley** - March 10, 2017 at 07:06 AM

PA

“ To Martha, Linda/Jim, Diane/John, Cheryl/John, Dick Jr/Diane, Susan/Chris I prayers for help you get through this hard period of. I also pray for his grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He is going to be missed by many people. Prayers sent to all of you. I love each and every one of you very much. My heart hurts for his smile and laughter.

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**Pam Albain** - March 09, 2017 at 11:00 PM

BM

“ Linda, Jim & family Please know our thoughts & prayers are with you all. Know we are here for you & feel your grief.

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**Billie/Ed Moore** - March 09, 2017 at 10:18 PM

KS

“ Heaven has gained another amazing angel. Dick you will be missed by so many. You were always a great friend to my dad, and to our family. To the family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I know how hard it is to lose a parent. I love and miss all of you. I'm there in spirit with you.

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**Kaye Bachman Stargel** - March 09, 2017 at 08:59 PM

SH

“ Dad you will be missed and already are. Booboo please watch over dad and keep him safe until we meet again.

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**Susan Heidenescher** - March 09, 2017 at 08:42 PM