



Richard Holmes

November 30, 1929 - November 20, 2016

Richard “Dick” Holmes passed away Sunday morning at Toledo Hospital 10 days shy of his 87th birthday. He just celebrated his 67th wedding anniversary with his beloved wife, Margaret (Zeiler), 2 weeks ago. Dick had a wonderful life. He attended Blessed Sacrament Church his entire life, where he served at various times as an usher, lay distributor, President of parish council, President of Holy Name Society, on 3 Finance committees for school drives, and coached baseball and basketball for 10 years. Dick also attended the first Cursillo. All 7 children also attended Blessed Sacrament School.

Dick graduated from Central Catholic High school as a member of the extremely successful class of '47. His wife, all of his children, many of his grandchildren, and now his oldest great-granddaughter attended CCHS . Dick worked in various jobs when he was younger, but eventually settled into a 40 year career in the medical business at Wyatt Pharmaceutical, followed by Toledo Pharmaceutical, where he became President, and then left in 1978 to form Lake Erie Medical and Surgical Supply with his 3 sons, Rick, Mike and Bob, followed by daughters Carol, Jeannie and son, Mark. Dick also was instrumental in the development of the Independent Medical Coop, (IMCO,) where he served on the board for a number of years. He was more interested in treating people fairly than becoming personally wealthy.

Dick was an avid golfer. He and all of his 5 brothers caddied at Inverness

when Byron Nelson was the pro, and so they learned from the best. Dick caddied for Craig Wood at Inverness when he won the US Open in 1941, and also caddied for "Lord Byron," Gene Sarazan, and Frank Stranahan, in his lifetime. Dick actually filled in and won 1 match and lost 1 in his 8th grade year for CCHS, when a member of the team turned 18 and joined the war effort of WW II. He also played 4 years on the CCHS golf team, and served 2 years as Captain. He belonged to Byrnewick CC in the early 70's, and Whiteford Valley GC for 25 years, and formed many treasured friendships along the way.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Helen Holmes, his son, Daniel, his brothers & their wives, Bill (Patty) Holmes, Fritz (Dianne) Holmes, and his brother, Jim Holmes. Dick is survived by wife Margaret, brother, Marty (Kathy) Holmes, sister-in-law, Ann Holmes, sons, Rick (Chris) Holmes, Mike (Cynthia) Holmes, Bob (Cathie) Holmes, Mark (Keith) Holmes, Carol (Ed) Beers, and Jeannie (Joe) Sieren, 13 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, (between Secor and Douglas Roads), on Tuesday, November 22, from 2:00 to 8:00 pm. Friends may also on Wednesday, November 23, from 9: 30 am until the funeral mass at 10 am at Most Blessed Sacrament Church. Contributions in memory of Dick may be made to the Cherry Street Mission, Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Central Catholic High School or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at ansberg-west.com

Tribute Wall

SO

“ *Margaret and Family,*

Please accept my condolences, I pray that God gives you strength to navigate through this time of grieving. I will miss his annual update on family and the happenings at Blessed Sacrament.

Sincerely.

Sally Operacz

Sally (Dressler) Operacz - November 23, 2016 at 02:31 PM

TB

“ *Mr. Holmes as he was called in the old neighborhood on Boxwood Rd. was a very good Neighbor. Always said, Positive things about you but was Fair and stern when you did wrong. He was like a 2nd Dad to me seeing how much I was around the Holmes's House and treated me like one of his sons! I will miss his laughter and talk about golfing! Rest in Peace Mr.Holmes and enjoy the Fairways & Greens in Heaven!*

Tommy Bocian - November 22, 2016 at 12:22 PM

PB

“ *our prayers are with you in this time of celebrating the life of your husband, father, and grandfather
I never met Dick, but he must have been a good man because he raised a great family*

Phil Baldauf - November 22, 2016 at 11:45 AM

JC

“ Condolences to the entire Holmes family. Sad to hear this news. I remember "Mr. Holmes" fondly and have many pleasant memories of hanging out at the Holmes household with Rick when we were schoolmates at Blessed Sacrament and friends throughout high school. My best wishes to all of your family.

Jim Connor - November 22, 2016 at 10:30 AM

TK

“ To Mr. Holme's entire family, please accept my sympathies at this very difficult time. Mr. Holmes first impacted my life in the 60's at CCHS where I had the pleasure to look up to his sons' character. Then fortunately I raised my family in close neighborhood ties with Bob and his family and we all built lasting friendships. Bob allowed me to meet and become freinds with his sisters. I recall the joy and pride on Mr. and Mrs. Holmes face as we attended many Bob Holmes family functions. May he RIP and know he impacted many lives and created many memories. Please accept our thoughts and prayers.

Tim Kolhoff - November 22, 2016 at 08:44 AM

PM

“ Rick and Chris and family, my heartfelt condolences to all of you. Cherish your memories and think of all the good stuff. Prayers while you are going through this difficult time.

Pat (Salimbeni) Murphy - November 21, 2016 at 06:53 PM

KC

“ *For Aunt Maggie and all her and Uncle Dicks Clan
Uncle Dick will be SOOO missed by all that knew and loved Him.I
Always always always enjoyed conversation with him at all the
family gatherings. Always had interesting things to share and kind
words to say about his kids, grandkids, h
he always beamed with pride when speaking of all of them.I am
proud to have known him.
Rest in eternal Peace Uncle Dick RIP*

KENT COUSINO - November 20, 2016 at 09:39 PM