



Ernest Cecil Rich

August 18, 1943 - March 26, 2026

Ernest Cecil Rich, 82, of Indianapolis, passed away March 26, 2026. He was born August 18, 1943 in Liberty, Kentucky to the late William Thomas Wheeler Rich and Bessie Mae Smith Rich. Ernie proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and married Helen Marie Wall in 1966. He was a metal fabricator for Rich Brothers Race Cars for over 30 years, and then worked for Hanover Homes for 10 years, retiring in 2016.

Ernie was a member of the American Legion. He loved spending time with his family and was very protective of them.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service at 3:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street.

Ernie is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Helen Rich; children, Kimberly Frances Swinney (James) and Ernest "Perry" Rich; grandchildren, David Eugene Stewart, Jr. and McKayla Jo Reddick; great-grandchildren, Aurora Quinn Stewart and Liam Orron Stewart; and sister-in-law, Nancy Rich. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Jock Tuscoe, Bobby Joe Rich, and Charles Thomas Wheeler Rich; and sister-in-law, Rosie Rich.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Memorial Service

APR 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ernest Cecil Rich.

April 08 at 11:38 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest Cecil Rich.



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“ Logan Matthews lit a candle in memory of Ernest Cecil Rich



Logan Matthews - April 08 at 10:23 AM