



Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons

January 18, 1954 - January 18, 2025

Richard Lewis Simmons, aka "Dicky-Doo" or "Dick", 71, of Indianapolis left this earth Saturday, January 18, 2025 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. Dick was born January 18, 1954, in Indianapolis to the late Noah L. and Anna Marie Simmons. Dick didn't know a stranger and was the life of the party. If you had the pleasure of knowing Dick, you knew you were in good company and in for a good time. Dick was known for his late-night wisdom and his famous "Ho baby Ho!" Dick has a lifelong passion for helping others and dedicated his life in the medical field. From the first Wishard Hospital Paramedic class of 1974, to working the cardiac cath-lab at Methodist Hospital, to working the road as a medical sales representative for his good friend Chuck Robinson, to an amazing career with Boston Scientific in cardiac care devices with his good friend Bob Wlekinski. Dick didn't do it for the glory or the money, he did it because he cared about every patient.

Dick loved all things sports. His love for his Chicago Bears, Indiana Pacers, Butler Bulldogs, and his beloved Hoosiers were unmatched. He was also a long-time Indianapolis 500 patron, attending well over fifty Indy 500 races. If you attended a race with Dick, you knew that "Back Home Again, in Indiana" was always a special moment that would end with happy tears.

Dick also loved his family more than most would be able to understand. He enjoyed spending time with his granddaughter, Vera, fishing with his eldest son, Zach, and golfing with his youngest son, Alex. Dick also loved the dance

of life with his beloved wife of 45 years, Reida. Dick and Reida's love for each other was clear and unmatched, as they traveled the country together, and never left a euchre table without a win.

Dick is survived by his loving wife, Reida Simmons; sons, Zachary Simmons and Alex (Valerie) Simmons; granddaughter, Vera Simmons; and his brother from another mother for over forty years, Randy (Lisa) Sorgius; and the hundreds of people who were apart of Dick's life.

The funeral services will be held at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, because if you knew Dick, he would roll over in his grave if he was buried in Kentucky. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12 noon. For his family and friends in Owensboro, Kentucky, a celebration of life will be held at a later date and time. Floral arrangements can be made to Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219. www.shirleybrothers.com

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel
5377 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 357-1181
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ Like many others, Dick helped train me during my fellowship and helped me be the physician I am today. I learned so much from him as did everyone who worked with him. We all mourn the loss of a kind man - dedicated to his family and to his profession. My condolences to Reida and all of Dick's family, who I hope will take solace knowing all the lives he touched for the better - his fellow professionals and patients who benefited from his kindness and gentle manner.

Deepak Bhakta - January 26, 2025 at 12:10 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.

January 23, 2025 at 07:30 PM

JB

“ Our family had many fond memories of Dick growing up and visiting him during the holidays at Anna Marie's house on Graham Rd, not far from our on Bolton. We'd play pool in the basement, marvel at Dick's lava lamp and talk w/ family & Dick's many friends. In the mid 70's our parents Bob & Jolan Bell bought Dick's 1973 Baja ski boat and we still have and use it every summer to this day. We'll miss you Dick. Jeff Bell

JEFF BELL - January 23, 2025 at 03:47 PM

TC

“ The Bell Family - 2nd Cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.

The Bell Family - 2nd Cousins - January 23, 2025 at 03:40 PM

TC

“ The Bell Family - 2nd Cousins purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.



The Bell Family - 2nd Cousins - January 23, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.



January 23, 2025 at 03:26 PM

TF

“ Tricia and Todd Stadler and Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.



Tricia and Todd Stadler and Family - January 23, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.*



January 23, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.

January 23, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.*



January 23, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ *The Smith Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.*

The Smith Family - January 23, 2025 at 09:38 AM

TF

“ *The Smith Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.*



The Smith Family - January 23, 2025 at 09:38 AM

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“ *The Wleklinski Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.*



The Wleklinski Family - January 23, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.*



January 22, 2025 at 10:33 PM

ER

“ *1 file added to the album Dick Simmons photos*



Eric Robinson - January 22, 2025 at 09:46 AM

ER

I Loved my good friend Dicky. I had some of the very best times of my life with him. He was a wonderful, happy, and loyal friend to me, and so many others.

- Eric Robinson

Eric Robinson - January 22, 2025 at 09:49 AM

JL

“ *Dick was ALWAYS kind and matter of fact! He kept it real ALL the time. We competed against each other for years in our line of work. He was a pro’s pro in the pacing industry. In my infancy in the industry, he’d always share words of wisdom and never once did he make me feel uncomfortable, although I worked for the competition. Blessings and condolences to all of his family and friends.*

Jeff Lewis - January 22, 2025 at 09:33 AM

LS

“ *Lee, Willard Turpin and sons purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.*



Lee, Willard Turpin and sons - January 22, 2025 at 08:20 AM

LS

“ *Lee, Willard Turpin and sons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.*

Lee, Willard Turpin and sons - January 22, 2025 at 08:20 AM

SJ

“ My first day as a real doctor at Methodist in 2005, I met Dick. He helped me struggle through my first pacemaker implant. He was awesome. Never judged, always kind, always focused on helping patients. Dick would end our conversations (phone, text, or in-person) with "many thanks".....Many thanks to you Dick, and deepest sympathy to his family.

Sandeep Joshi - January 21, 2025 at 09:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.

January 21, 2025 at 08:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.



January 21, 2025 at 08:41 PM

AD

“ Ann Duncan purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.



Ann Duncan - January 21, 2025 at 11:08 AM

ER

“ Eric Robinson purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.



Eric Robinson - January 21, 2025 at 10:45 AM

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“ Eric Robinson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.

Eric Robinson - January 21, 2025 at 10:45 AM

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“ I Loved my good friend Dicky. I had some of the very best times of my life with him. He was a wonderful, happy, and loyal friend to me, and so many others.
- Eric Robinson

Eric Robinson - January 21, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.



January 20, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.

January 20, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.



January 20, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Lewis Simmons.



January 20, 2025 at 07:49 PM