



Richard "Dick" Dean Sutherlin

November 27, 1927 - March 20, 2023

Richard "Dick" Dean Sutherlin, 95, of Indianapolis, passed away March 20, 2023. He was born November 27, 1927 in Columbia City, Indiana to the late Harry A. and Waneta Grace (Solt) Sutherlin. Dick was a 1945 graduate of Southport High School. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII, and married Mary Ellen Evans in 1953. Dick was a lab technician for Eli Lilly & Co. for 42 years, retiring in 1987. While he was at Eli Lilly, he was involved in the formation of the children's polio vaccine in Indianapolis and was a technician for the Powerhouse in the Greenfield Lab facility.

Dick was a longtime member of Amity United Methodist Church, which became Amity Community Church, where he was a Trustee. He was also a member of Southport Masonic Lodge #270 F. & A.M., the charter president of the Fortville and Mt. Comfort Optimist Clubs (which has now merged into the Mt. Vernon Optimist Club), an attendant at the Indiana Transportation Museum, and a volunteer for the Indiana State Fair. When his sons were in their youth, he enjoyed coaching them in Little League baseball and football. Visitation will be Monday, March 27, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:30 a.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street.

Dick is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Mary Ellen Evans Sutherlin; sons, Gregory Dean (Kathy), David Evans (Patti) and Dennis Allen (Kelly) Sutherlin; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one nephew; and five

nieces. A sister, Evelyn Ann Sullivan; and a niece, Cheryl Tomich, preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Vernon Optimist Club, 10664 North Meridian Road, Fortville, IN 46040.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memory Gardens

1977 S State Rd 135
Greenwood, IN 46143

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - March 29, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ The Mt. Vernon Optimist Club purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard "Dick" Dean Sutherlin.



The Mt. Vernon Optimist Club - March 26, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Dean Sutherlin.



March 23, 2023 at 11:12 AM