



Dr. Richard "Dick" Hartzell

December 26, 1932 - August 22, 2014

Dr. Richard "Dick" Hartzell, 81, Indianapolis, passed away August 22, 2014. He was born December 26, 1932 in Kokomo, IN, to the late Joseph and Mary (Host) Hartzell. Born and raised in Kokomo, Dick met and married his high school sweetheart, Sharon Kessler, and they have been married for 60 years. Dr. Richard Hartzell, O.D. received his Doctorate in Optometry and began his practice in 1957 in Greensburg, IN, eventually moving to Indianapolis. He was a member of the Mystic Circle Masonic Lodge, #685 F.&A.M, Murat Shriners, Lawrence Sertoma, and the American Optometry Association.

Visitation will be Monday, August 25, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd. with funeral services Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Dick is survived by his wife, Sharon Hartzell; sons, Mike (Jan), Don and Jeff (Annette) Hartzell; daughter, Cheryl Higgins (Dave); grandchildren, Austin (Alyson), Andrea, Kendra, Daniel, Marie, Jake and Jeff Hartzell, and Trent and Clark Higgins; and great-grandchildren, Ainsley and Atticus Hartzell. A grandson, Thomas Richard Hartzell, preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children and/or Lawrence Sertoma.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 841-7878
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HM

“ I was Doc's mentee in the late 1980s at St Marks in Dallas. I am now an associate professor of philosophy at the American University of Beirut. I didn't know he had passed until today. I was looking online for an email address because I had just learned something about the Jordanian education system that I thought he would find interesting. It is no surprise to me that he was headmaster at an American School in Taiwan. His infectious adventuring spirit is part of what made me ready and willing to move to Beirut in 2003. So many of my peers reacted to 9/11 by joining the military. I thought the right way to handle this was to move to the Middle East and start sharing ideas and making friends. I wish I had had a chance to say that to Doc before we died. C'est la vie.

Hans Muller - December 25, 2025 at 03:35 PM

CB

“ Dick was such a wonderful member of our Sertoma club . He always had us laughing. He lead by example in helping Lutherwood or Trinity house. He will be missed but there's a new camera man in heaven causing havoc. Sincere condolences to Sharon and his family .

Kim & Cindy Bailey

Cindy Bailey - August 26, 2014 at 10:00 PM

 Andrea Hartzell

“ Love you papaw, miss you so much already.



Andrea Hartzell - August 25, 2014 at 11:29 AM

 Maria Williams

“ You are an inspiration to all of us. You loved life and knew how to have fun. Thank you for letting us be part of your family. We love you and will miss you - Rick, Maria, Hannah, Brittany and Brendan

Maria Williams - August 25, 2014 at 10:50 AM

LE

“ We are so sorry for your loss and the loss of such a wonderful neighbor! You are in our thoughts and prayers! He is and will be greatly missed.

Linda and Anne Marie Andersen, and husbands Dru and Preston

Linda Andersen Elliott - August 25, 2014 at 08:30 AM

BP

“ It was always such a pleasure to see your smiling face when you came into the office! I am lucky to have become acquainted with you while taking care of you as a patient and getting to know you as a person!
.P.S. I pulled the pictures of you on the beach, with your walker, and your drink of choice, out of my desk today and smiled!
May you rest in peace. God speed.
Barb Peterson

Barbara Peterson - August 25, 2014 at 08:26 AM

AN

“ *Dad and Papaw you are the light of our life. Thank you for all the fun filled times and your everlasting love. Godspeed ahead and We hope the angels can keep up with you!!! Love you---Jeff, Annette, Austin, Alyson, Kendra, Jake, Ainsley, and Atticus*



annette - August 24, 2014 at 09:33 PM

WH

“ *He was my dentist when I was a youth, and after seeing all these photos of him, I remember now that wry smile he always seemed to have. He was the gentlest of practitioners, and a joy to visit. He will be sorely missed.- Bill Hancock*

William Hancock - August 24, 2014 at 11:11 AM

TF

“ *You are and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Tina & Rob Freeman

Tina Freeman - August 24, 2014 at 07:45 AM

RM

“ *Ruth Ann And Timothy Moore lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard "Dick" Hartzell*



Ruth Ann and Timothy Moore - August 24, 2014 at 01:37 AM

AS

“ I'm sorry for your loss.



Anka Simurina - August 23, 2014 at 05:09 PM

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“ Ilene Host (Aunt) lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard "Dick" Hartzell



Ilene Host (Aunt) - August 23, 2014 at 02:16 PM

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“ Lisa (Host)Pierce lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard "Dick" Hartzell



Lisa (Host)Pierce - August 23, 2014 at 02:14 PM

MH

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Mike Hartzell - August 23, 2014 at 12:15 PM