



## Richard M. Stoepfelwerth

January 28, 1931 - December 8, 2014

Richard M. Stoepfelwerth, 83, of Indianapolis, passed away December 8, 2014. He was born January 28, 1931 in Ft. Wayne, IN, to the late Martin L. and Esther R. Stoepfelwerth. Much of his youth was spent in Indianapolis and he was a Shortridge High School graduate. In 1952 he earned his Civil Engineering Degree from Purdue University and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. Dick served his country in the U.S. Army and saw service in Germany, where his first two children were born. He began his career in engineering with the Indiana State Department of Transportation and in 1962 started his own engineering firm, Stoepfelwerth & Associates with his primary clients being Greentown, Swayzee, Otterbein, Parker City, Colfax, Cicero, Arcadia and Converse. Dick was a member of the Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors. He enjoyed extensive RV traveling in North America and spending winters in West Palm Beach FL, as well as singing in the Indianapolis Liederkrantz Choir.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 10, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. until the time of service at 6:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd.

Dick is survived by his wife, Rosemarie B. Schmidt-Stoepfelwerth; children, David J. Stoepfelwerth (Kitty), Nancy E. Martzolf (James) and Sharon K. Barclay (Jay); step-children, Mark A. Haislip and Marla A. Fountain (Don); eight grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren. Dick's first wife, Rita Stoepfelwerth; grandson, Daniel Stoppelwerth; and a sister, Naomi Keene,

preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Faith Lutheran Church, Greenfield and/or the Indianapolis Liederkrantz Men's Chorus.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **10**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel  
9900 N. Allisonville Road  
Fishers, IN 46038  
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<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC **10**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Dear family - So sorry it has taken me forever to contact you all. Even though I haven't been in contact, you all have been in my prayers. Today I just found an email with this link that Sue Stoeppelwerth had sent me. Thanks to Kitty for Facebook messaging me of the news. Mom and I had planned to come to Indy this fall to see Dick and you all. Life just didn't make it possible unfortunately. Dick will always hold a special place in my heart for so many reasons. His love towards me was beyond measure. I will never forget seeing him in July 2011 and he held me so close and so wanted to know that I was okay after my divorce. And then when he and Rose rearranged their trip through Michigan to out west so that they could come near my cabin to spend time with me and to meet Bob. It really touched my heart. His smile and laugh were so infectious. How could one not feel uplifted when one was around him? I will always be thankful to Mom and Dick for starting those family reunions so many years ago so that our 2 sides of the family could know each other.

*I am sure Dad and Dick are in heaven playing golf together and laughing it up big time. Probably don't have cars up there to lock themselves out of either!!! LOL*

*I am really going to miss Dick ... and so is Mom. I would love to bring Mom to Indy though she has gotten to where she doesn't travel as much as she used to love to do. Maybe we can figure something out to reunite! Love, Polly*

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**Polly Sievert King** - January 12, 2015 at 12:29 PM

JM

“ I just found out about Dick's death this week and am overcome with memories of almost 40 years of friendship. Dick was The Best Man at my wedding and part of my family for many years. He came to St. Vincent's every time a child was born and we went on many vacations together. My late husband introduced me to Dick. I hadn't seen him since 2006. I'm so sorry I was not aware of his passing as I would have come up from Florida to pay my deepest respects to his family. He was a great man and friend. I will forever be in his debt for the long-time pleasure of his friendship. Rest in peace, dear friend. Jolie Mullin



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**Jolie Mullin** - January 03, 2015 at 07:40 PM

DA

“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of Dick's death. We were ROTC classmates at Purdue. I had not seen him recently, but I was impressed by his professional achievements. I remember calling on him soon after he opened his first office. I believe it was just off Emerson. You all have my sincere sympathy. He was a great man. Dick Albright

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**Dick Albright** - December 17, 2014 at 04:55 PM

GB

“ I was sorry to learn of Dick's passing today, my condolences to the entire extended family.

*Greg Biberdorf*

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**Gregory Biberdorf** - December 11, 2014 at 09:04 AM

SB

*Thanks Greg. We saw Todd at the calling and he shared your condolences. Your parents and mine were sure great friends.*

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**Sharon Barclay** - December 12, 2014 at 02:16 PM



“ *Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of Richard M. Stoepelwerth.*



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December 10, 2014 at 12:42 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory** - December 10, 2014 at 12:06 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Dick's death. Please know your friends at SPK send their thoughts and prayers to you, Dave and Kitty, and your families. Pam Davis*

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**pamela j davis** - December 10, 2014 at 08:20 AM

TM

“ *Mr. S as we all called him took several chances on several of us... Young and Crazy kids at the time. We were all the Field Crew and were much different from the Office Crew. We were a tigh group of friends that Stoepelworth and Associstes started and have held together to this day. Great time in and out of the office. Mr. S and Dave and Curt were all dependable fair and caring leaders. We all enjoyed working with and for the company. Stoepelworth family my heart goes out to you all. It has been a long time since I have been with you all but I still have the wonderful memories this friendship developed over the years.*

*Thanks for taking the chance on me Mr. S...Rest in peace Big Fella*

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**Tyle Milligan** - December 10, 2014 at 08:06 AM

SB

*I am so glad that you shared this personal connection and we sure appreciate the support. Sharon Barclay, Dick's daughter*

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**Sharon Barclay** - December 12, 2014 at 02:11 PM

MW

“ *My sincerest condolences. Dick always had a kind word, a smile, and a greeting each time he saw you. May he be remembered for those qualities, and may we aspire to be kind to someone.....just because we can.*

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**Michael Woods** - December 10, 2014 at 07:34 AM

SB

*I bet most people will remember this quality about my dad. Thanks for sharing. Sharon Stoepelwerth Barclay*

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**Sharon Barclay** - December 12, 2014 at 02:13 PM

SL

“ I am sad to see the news about my Uncle Dick. What wonderful memories of Stoepfelwerth reunions and some funny stories from Uncle Dick! He was a great man and one memory I recall was he always had the nicest car at the reunion and one year he and Uncle Clance locked themselves out of the car at a golf outing - at least that was their story :) I don't think anyone let them forget that for a while. He had a great smile and made you feel important no matter what age you were. Thank you for the memories Uncle Dick, you will be missed.

*Sue Stoepfelwerth Lamb (Hank's daughter)*

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**Sue Stoepfelwerth Lamb** - December 10, 2014 at 06:34 AM

SB

*Thanks for sharing that memory, Sue. Getting the family together for those reunions was sure an important event for him. I am so glad that he did. Sharon Stoepfelwerth Barclay*

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**Sharon Barclay** - December 12, 2014 at 02:14 PM



*That was a great memory! Thanks Susie! Polly*

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**Polly Sievert King** - January 12, 2015 at 12:09 PM

KA

“ Karen lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Stoepfelwerth



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**Karen** - December 09, 2014 at 05:56 PM

RS

*What a nice thing to do. Thank you.*

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**Rosemarie Stoepfelwerth** - December 10, 2014 at 06:01 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Richard M. Stoepfelwerth.*



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December 09, 2014 at 08:49 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard M. Stoepfelwerth.*



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December 09, 2014 at 06:54 AM