



Richard M. Duchene

September 28, 1945 - March 25, 2012

Richard Milton "Dick" Duchene, 66, of Wichert, Ill., died peacefully at home with his wife and children by his side Sunday (March 25, 2012). Dick was born Sept. 28, 1945, the son of Milton and Adeline Duchene. Dick married Gloria (Gordon) Aug. 6, 1966, and this past year they celebrated their 45th anniversary. Dick was grateful to be married to a wonderful and devoted wife. He took great pride in his children and was an encouragement to them his whole life. He particularly enjoyed cheering for his kids and their teammates at their athletic events. Dick and Gloria raised their family in Bourbonnais before retiring to their country house near Wichert.

Dick was raised a farmer's son. As a young man, he served his country as a boilermaker in the U.S. Navy, with active duty service in the Vietnam War, and as a Navy Reservist. For 16 years he was employed with General Foods in Kankakee and later retired as a roofer. Dick was an avid NASCAR fan and enjoyed watching the Chicago Bears on TV, at least until halftime. He was known by friends and family as a repair man of just about anything, a skill he learned from his dad. He was fond of his mother's chicken noodle soup, sweet corn, chicken wings, a beer and most of Gloria's meals, to which he would affectionately say, "Excellent, Lady-G!" Many enjoyed Dick's regular sessions in the "shed" to design a repair or maybe just reminisce about the glory days. Dick's light-hearted personality, his patent expressions and his ability to tell a great story will be sorely missed.

Dick is survived by his wife, Gloria Duchene (Wichert, Ill.); son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Cary and Becky Duchene and Ryan "Mr. John Deere," Caroline, Serena, Nathan, Samuel and Noah Duchene (Erie, Mich.); son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Kenneth and Christina Duchene and Gracie, Emma Rae, Zachary, Hannah "Blondie" and Alyce Duchene (Fulton, Mich.); and daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren, Melissa and Jason Gund and Trent, Amber and Jacob Gund (Bradley, Ill.). He is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Ruth Anne and Ronnie Simmons (Herscher, Ill.); sister, Renee Duchene (Herscher, Ill.); and many nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant twin son and daughter, Bruce and Barbara Duchene; infant grandson, Kenneth John Duchene; and nephews, Greg Gross and Chad Simmons.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday. The Rev. Lance Hurley will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. - <http://www.hkvcares.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Tara Blanchette lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Duchene*



Tara Blanchette - March 28, 2012 at 03:00 PM

TB

Very sorry for your loss. Prayers are with you all. May God bring you all peace and comfort in knowing he is no longer suffering but at his eternal home watching over all of you.

Tara Blanchette - March 28, 2012 at 03:02 PM

M(

Thank you Tara! It means a lot to my family!

Melissa Gund (Duchene) - March 28, 2012 at 08:42 PM

CS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Ruth Ann, Renee and Dick's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I am a cousin of the Duchene family.*
Benny & Charlene Dahn Skeldon

Charlene Dahn Skeldon - March 28, 2012 at 01:47 PM

RS

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

SINCERELY,

RUTH

ruth ann simmons - April 17, 2012 at 11:22 PM

CS

“ *Charlene Dahn Skeldon lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Duchene*

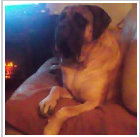


Charlene Dahn Skeldon - March 28, 2012 at 01:42 PM

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Thank you Charlene!

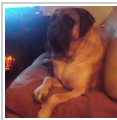
Melissa Gund (Duchene) - March 28, 2012 at 08:43 PM



“ *Sherry Rashenskas lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Duchene*



Sherry Rashenskas - March 28, 2012 at 10:53 AM



Gloria, I'm so very sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to you all. God Bless You.

David & Sherry Rashenskas

Sherry Rashenskas - March 28, 2012 at 10:55 AM

M(

Thank you Sherry and David!

Melissa Gund (Duchene) - March 28, 2012 at 08:43 PM

JB

“ *The Bournique family sends our sympathy to Gloria, and prayers and thoughts to the Duchene family.*

Jackie Bournique - March 28, 2012 at 09:08 AM

M(

Thank you so much!

Melissa Gund (Duchene) - March 28, 2012 at 09:09 AM

SH

“ *Steve & Tina Harris lit a candle in memory of Richard M. Duchene*



steve & tina harris - March 27, 2012 at 04:29 PM

M(

Thank you Steve and Tina!

Melissa Gund (Duchene) - March 27, 2012 at 09:00 PM

MP

“ *To Dicks Family, My name is Mike Piper and I have known Dick from Fifth Grade or so. We went to Herscher Grade through Herscher High together. He was one tough guy who played football as a down lineman. No one wanted to get Dick as the one accross from them!! My only regret for Dick was that he didn't play hisenior year. Most Important, He was a nice guy. Class of 64. P S , At his confirmation in 1960 at the North Church, He passed out!! True story!1 I was there!1 My sympothy Family , Mike Piper*

mICHAEL pIPER - March 26, 2012 at 08:04 PM

M(

Thank you Mike for the memories. I am his daughter Melissa. It means alot to us that you shared with us. I will pass this on to my family, although they may already know.

Melissa Gund (Duchene) - March 27, 2012 at 01:13 PM

RS

THANKS MIKE FOR YOUR SYMPATHY AND MEMORIES, HE WAS A NICE GUY.

THANKS AGAIN,

RUTH DUCHENE SIMMONS

ruth ann simmons - April 17, 2012 at 11:30 PM

JB

“ *I was Dick's mailman for many years and spent alot of time with him in his "sanctuary", which most families just call a garage, or ga-rarge as he pronounced it. Loved to swill down some beers while engaging in some lively discussions concerning politics & sports. He had a tough exterior, but those who knew him well were aware he loved his family & would always reach out to help his friends. His friends & folks at the Legion will surely miss seeing him around...*

Jerry the Mailman

jerry bjick - March 26, 2012 at 07:57 PM

M(

Thank you Jerry! I know this will mean alot to my mom and brothers that you posted. You are right about the ga-rarge! He had that at this new house with mom, but it was the shed.

Melissa Gund (Duchene) - March 27, 2012 at 01:16 PM

MI

“ *Sorry, son.*

Mitch - March 26, 2012 at 06:58 PM



Thank you Mitch!

Melissa Gund (Duchene) - March 27, 2012 at 09:00 PM