



Richard F. Fedrow

August 23, 1927 - January 9, 2011

Richard Frank "Dick" Fedrow, 83, of Kankakee, died Sunday (Jan. 9, 2011) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. Memorial visitation for Mr. Fedrow and his wife, Janice Stegmeyer Fedrow, who died Sept. 19, 2004, in Hinsdale, will be from 9 a.m. Wednesday until the 10 a.m. celebration of the memorial Mass at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, Kankakee. Cremation rites have been accorded by the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Crematory, west Kankakee. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Provena St. Mary's Hospital or for Masses.

Mr. Fedrow was the owner of Stegmeyer Distributing for 30 years. He was born Aug. 23, 1927, in Calumet City, the son of Peter and Helen Rasimovich Fiedorowicz. Janice was born July 18, 1932, in Chicago Heights. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1945-1948, spending time in the South Pacific on the USS YOG-73 and the USS Camano AG-130. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the American Theater Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He was a member of the Hundred Club, the Elks, the Moose, the Knights of Columbus, 4th degree and the Tipsters. He was a letterman in football and track at Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, graduating in 1953. He enjoyed golf, fishing and football, especially the Chicago Bears.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jacob and Diane Fedrow, of

Bonfield, Gregg and Jackie Fedrow, of Limestone Township; one daughter, Karin Ryan, of Kankakee; two grandchildren, Jason and Emily Fedrow; two great-grandchildren, Chase Fedrow and Austin Renshaw; and good friend, Marilyn Cook, of Aroma Park.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Janice Stegmeyer, whom he married Sept. 3, 1955, at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church; his parents; and closest friends, Leo and Dorothy Fitzgerald.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church
953 S. 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-7177

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Tribute Wall

WA

“ Jacob Fedrow if your father had any pictures of the Camano, would be interested in copies to post for historical reasons as these small ships were very important to the Navy and don't need to be forgotten. I was on the Camano in July of 51 when we put her out of commission at Guam. Also served on the Hewell AKL14 in Korea/Japan.

Willard Adams wadams@newwavecomm.net

willard adams - February 08, 2016 at 11:35 AM

DR

“ Jay, Karin, & Greg, May you find comfort knowing that we are thinking of you today and always. Jim & Debbie Romein & Jack Clark

Debbie Romein - January 16, 2011 at 03:00 PM

TS

“ Jay&Greg and families,
Had many great times with your Dad, some are better left untold!!
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.
Fondly,
"Slippery" Tom and Sally Sippel

Tom Sippel - January 13, 2011 at 06:06 PM



“ Dick and Janice graced us with 3 great kids. Karin, my best friend in high school, and her brothers Jay and Greg. My heart and thoughts go out to the family.



Lynda Alexander - January 12, 2011 at 06:05 PM

RB

“ Jay and Family, We are so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. We will keep him and your Mother in our prayers. Russ and Beverly Bufford

Russ Beverly Bufford - January 12, 2011 at 03:37 PM

CC

“ Cory Michele Crecy lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Fedrow



Cory Michele Crecy - January 12, 2011 at 06:16 AM

DK

“ Greg, Jay, & Karin,
My deepest sympathies at the passing of your father. What a fine man. I got to know your father quite well when I was tending bar at Tiny tap. We had a lot of fun together and he was a delight to be around. I am sorry I will be unable to express my sympathies in person, but know that my heart goes out to you as you deal with the loss of such a great man. He will be sorely missed, but will remain in spirit forever.

Dewey Kilbride

Dewey Kilbride - January 11, 2011 at 09:25 PM

JU

“ Dear Jay, Karen and Gregg, I send my love to all of you. I haven't seen my Aunt and Uncle in their later years being so far away, but when we were younger they always greeted me with open arms and their beautiful smiles. That is how I will always remember them. My condolence to all of you. Your loving cousin, Julie Ujwari

Julie Ujwari - January 11, 2011 at 09:16 PM

MM

“ Michael Rita Morris lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Fedrow



Michael Rita Morris - January 11, 2011 at 08:36 PM

JF

“ John Lemenager Family lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Fedrow



John Lemenager Family - January 11, 2011 at 05:14 PM

JH

“ So sorry to hear of Richard's passing. I worked with Richard at River Valley Metro. My favorite times there were talking to him and the other dependables in the early morning hours. The guys used to tell jokes and watch me to see if I got them. Most of the time I didn't. Richard couldn't believe I was that slow. He thought it was a blond thing. He was one of my favorite people. He was always at work on time and ready to go. I sure do miss him. My condolences to the family.

Janice Haggard - January 11, 2011 at 01:30 PM

“ Dear Jay, Karin and Greg:

Your Dad, my Uncle will live on in our memories for our lifetimes. From the time I was a little guy until now I will always remember his rugged good looks and dapper demeanor. If he had made his way to Hollywood instead of becoming a manager at Alden's Department store he probably would have owned the Silver screen. I remember your Grandpa Pete coming over and cutting his hair and sharing stories. We talked of his football prowess at Grinnell and other colorful life experiences. Uncle Dick, to me, will always have an extra special place in my heart as my Sponsor at my Confirmation. On that solemn day at St. Pats church way back in 1960 as he placed his hand on my shoulder. I was so happy that he was there for me, and that all could see my "special Uncle" who was there to support my faith and sacrament of Confirmation. How comforting it was to know he stood there behind me giving me his strength and support.

Being Married to my mother's(Dorothy Stegmeyer) Sister my aunt Janice (Stegmeyer) was what brought our families and all of us together through Grandpa and later, Grandma Stegmeyer's Beer business. Uncle Dick and my Dad, Dale Gress, had wonderful days together as two young hard charging business men who grew their Schlitz beer distribution business and merged the families through the decades of success that those businesses afforded during those wonderful times in our families histories. Grandpa Stegmeyer, Grandma Stegmeyer, Mom Dorothy, Dad Dale, Aunt Janice, and brother Little Joe have gone before him and now Uncle Dick rejoins the family in eternal rest where they can all celebrate the fruits of their work on earth and the wonderful families left behind. Each of us that remain here to celebrate our own continuation of life, will keep our own individual treasure chests of lifes memories. Mine is being filled all to quickly as time marches on but it will have a special section for my Uncle Dick a very "special guy" to me. I will raise a glass of Schlitz to you Dearest Uncle and pray for your eternal rest as you meet our Lord in Paradise.

*Your loving Nephew,
Larry Gress*



Larry Gress - January 11, 2011 at 11:28 AM