



Richard Hassett

November 5, 1943 - February 19, 2018

Richard Hassett, age 74, of Bradley, passed away Monday, February 19, 2018 at Vibra Hospital of Northwestern Indiana in Crown Point.

Richard was born November 5, 1943 in Kankakee, the son of Charles and Luella (Dane) Hassett.

He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Richard married Carol Borgialli in May of 1964 in Kankakee.

He married Judy Williams in August of 1973 in Kankakee. She preceded him in death June 4, 2003.

In October of 2003, he married Carole Gash in Honolulu, HI.

Richard was a member of the U.S.M.C. League Fire Squad.

In 2004, Richard retired from Armour Pharmaceutical after 34 years of service in the maintenance department.

Surviving are his wife, Carole Hassett of Bradley; one son & daughter-in-law, Richard & Toni Hassett of Bourbonnais; two daughters and one son-in-law, Romy Hassett Mietzner of Bourbonnais and Gina & Terry Skoumal of Bourbonnais; one step-son and step-daughter-in-law, Rob & Melinda Devenouges of Apex, NC; two step-daughters and one step-son-in-law, Lisa Riberdy of Bourbonnais and Laura & Craig Schriener of Herscher; one brother, Robert Hassett of Bourbonnais; nineteen grandchildren, Brianne Maksimovic, Britten Mietzner, Macy Mietzner, Lucas Hassett, Dylan Hassett, Samantha Hassett, Conner Skoumal, Cooper Skoumal, Chloe Skoumal,

Haley Schreiner, Collin Schreiner, Dylan Schreiner, Cassidy Devenouges, Jenna Devenouges, Adanesh Devenouges, Noah Devenouges, Asher Devenouges, Savannah Riberdy and Megan Riberdy; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his second wife, Judy, he is preceded in death by his parents and one sister-in-law, Glenda.

Visitation will be held 4-7:00 p.m. Monday, February 26, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais.

Interment will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

FEB **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

RR

“ *Condolences to Richard Hassett family. I worked with Dick at Armours and had many good memories. In his early years at Armours we gave him the nickname "cook" for his job he had at Tri K before coming to Armours*



Robert Rice - February 27, 2018 at 07:45 AM

ST

“ *Sherry Trammell lit a candle in memory of Richard Hassett*



Sherry Trammell - February 23, 2018 at 11:30 PM

KE

“ *Always enjoyed when Dick and Carol would stop at our home in Texas on their way to Arizona. And of course enjoyed the class reunions in Kankakee. I don't think I ever saw Dick frown either. I am thankful we were able to visit him when he was in 'Miller' in Kankakee. That was very special!*

My condolences to his family, Karen Elam

Karen Elam - February 23, 2018 at 10:13 PM

WS

“ *Dick always had a smile for everyone. My Sympathy to his family and his many friends.*

Wanda Schaufel - February 23, 2018 at 12:58 PM



“A while back I was going through my Marine Corps scrap book and recalled how Dick and I got into the Marine Corps. I smiled and relived the day we departed Kankakee in route to Chicago Airport to get on a plane to San Diego, California, Marine Corps Recruit Depot. This quote seemed to depict various sojourns along our way through life together.

“It’s interesting how we often can’t see the ways in which we are being strong - like, you can’t be aware of what you’re doing that’s tough and brave at the time that you’re doing it because if you knew that it was brave, then you’d be scared.” (Lena Dunham)

Dick and I grew up together through our school years. We both participated in sports together early in Junior High School. However, we were both somewhat leery of our capabilities but convinced ourselves we would be good because we played “Park Lot football” with the older guys without equipment and lived through it. To help us make a final decision we were convinced that girls liked football players – pure gallantry. We made the school team two years. When we started High School I wanted to concentrate on participating in ‘Track and Field’. Dick said he would try out too instead of football. That said, we concentrated on our own events, which was the first time we were not doing the same thing. However, our own after school hours and training the weekends were our fun time. I dare not dwell on that.

During the senior year we started talking of what we would do after graduation. Together, we came up with the idea of joining the U.S. Marine Corps. After reading and hearing about their reputation, that was definitely for us. So here we go again – off into that not aware of what we were getting into mode. Immediately after graduation we went down to the local Marine Recruiter to join the Marine Corps on the so called “Buddy System”. As it turned out it was only the ‘Buddy System’ through Boot Camp. After Boot Camp we were split up and assigned different units for more training in Camp Pendleton. We didn’t know when we would see each other again, if ever.

Two years later, just by luck, we ran into each other in Okinawa. As

it turned out my unit was coming back from Vietnam back to our home base on Okinawa and his unit was just arriving from the U.S. to relieve us in Vietnam. We had a few minutes on the dock where both ships were docked to exchange a brief buddy handshake so we wouldn't violate the military "hurry up and wait" schedule - LOL.

The next time I got to see Dick would be five years later at a Class Reunion. Needless to say this was our reunion and reunions every five years thereafter. Dick and Carol would occasionally go out of their way from their route from or to their winter home in Arizona to visit us down in Texas. We were like brothers our entire lives and I love him like a brother. I will miss him.

We will meet again Dick. We always went together and God always guided us through those various sojourns throughout our lives and brought us back safely. Simper fi my dear friend.

LeRoy (Lee) Elam

Lee Elam - February 23, 2018 at 12:43 PM

GS

Thanks so much for sharing. I'm his youngest daughter 😊

gina skoumal - February 23, 2018 at 11:34 PM

 Laura Willard Schreiner

Thank you so much for sharing this. It's great to read of your friendship and experiences together. How special!! ❤️ ~ Stepdaughter

Laura Willard Schreiner - February 24, 2018 at 05:22 AM



“ Grew up on the west side together and remember him very well.
Condolences to his family.

Terry Myers

Schererville, Indiana

Terry L. MYERS - February 22, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ Knew Dick all thru school !! Easy going & friendly !! Condolences to his family !!

Fred Mancuso - February 21, 2018 at 08:09 PM



My sympathy to the Hassett family.

Theresa OConnor - February 24, 2018 at 11:24 PM



“ Dick and I shared some good times at West Jr. and KHS. His huge smile was always the first thing you saw about him and then always remembered. He will be missed by all who knew him!

Richard Miller - February 21, 2018 at 03:44 PM