



Richard R. "Dick" Thompson

November 30, 1929 - January 7, 2025

Richard R. "Dick" Thompson, age 95, of Bradley passed away Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at his home. He was born November 30, 1929 in Kankakee, the son of Howard & Laura (Yeates) Thompson. Richard married Shirley Shreffler.

Dick was a mail carrier for over 30 years. He was a wonderful husband, loving father and grandfather, and a great friend to many. Dick was very competitive. He enjoyed bowling, golfing, and other activities. Most of all, Dick enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He had a great sense of humor and knew no strangers. His glowing sense of humor will be missed.

Dick was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served 4 years.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Kankakee.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Thompson of Bradley; two sons, Bruce Thompson of Pacifica, CA and Greg Thompson of Bradley, IL; one son-in-law, Andy Blanchette of Bradley; five grandchildren, Matthew (Allison) Thompson, Chad Blanchette, Jennifer (Gerard) Holland, Misty Blanchette, and Keith (Piper) Cochran; eleven great-grandchildren; and a special blessing to the family, Jessica Wright. Dick is preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Linda Blanchette; one brother, Bill Thompson; and one daughter-in-law, Jan Thompson.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until the time of the 2 p.m. funeral service on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Burial will follow at Aroma Park Cemetery in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Aroma Park Cemetery

2585 S. Sandbar Rd
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-8638

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JE

“ So Sorry for your loss, Dick knew me from the time I was born. We lived at 1175 W. Lawn Drive from 1950 to 1960. He was our mailman there. Then we moved to 1477 W. Hawkins, and stayed there from 1960 till 2017, of course Dick delivered our mail again, and then he retired. It was never the same. Everytime I would see him, he would say 1477 and my name. Dick would never walk through your yard to the next house, he always used the sidewalk. Some of us kids would ride our bikes with him. He was a great man. I went to school with Linda. Of course she too was a great person. Thank you Dick Thompson for sharing your life with so many people, you will be forever remembered, and will remain an important part of our lives!

Jim Enz - January 27, 2025 at 01:58 AM

DG

“ My deepest condolences to Shirley and the entire Thompson family. I was always impressed with his firm handshake. I will miss seeing him on the practice green at Aspen Ridge.
Dr. Kent Guebert

Dr. Kent Guebert - January 16, 2025 at 03:42 PM

CB

“ Love you Grandpa... You will be missed. Give momma a kiss and a hug for me.. I know she's happy to have you with her...I will miss playing our favorite game of golf together..You lived a good long life... Love Chad & Alisa

Chad Blanchette - January 16, 2025 at 02:44 AM

JW

“ Mrs. Thompson , Bruce and Greg! So sorry to hear of Your husband and Fathers passing. He was certainly a Southside Icon and he will be missed by many . He was our mailman for years and I always enjoyed seeing him out and about. He came to both our parents wakes and that certainly meant a lot. They certainly don't make many like him and he left his mark on many people's hearts! Myself and my Brother Tom are just two of many. I wanted to come in person but I am presently out of town and Tom is in Florida. As we said in *The United States Navy*. “ WISHING HIM FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS” until you are all reunited for all eternity 🙏🇺🇸

Jim Wasser - January 15, 2025 at 01:12 PM

MC

“ Dickie Thompson (and son Greg) were a big part of why I liked to be in the men's senior bowling league. I always enjoyed being with him. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Mike Cook - January 14, 2025 at 09:39 PM

JJ

“ Jolinda Jones lit a candle in memory of Richard R. "Dick" Thompson



Jolinda Jones - January 13, 2025 at 08:13 PM

JJ

Such a nice guy! Saw him everyday for lots of years at School . RIP

Jolinda Jones - January 13, 2025 at 08:16 PM

PG

“ *What A Blessing Dick Thompson was to our family and to our church!
We always had pleasant visits when Dick and Shirley were at the church.
Dick and Shirley made our time in ministry at Trinity so pleasant and enjoyable!
He was a true servant of God.
He will be missed.
We pray God's Eternal Strength and Grace for Shirley and all of his family.
With Sincere Prayers and Blessings,
Pastor Martin and Anne Gutzmer*

Pastor Martin and Anne Gutzmer - January 13, 2025 at 04:30 PM

JL

“ *unlucky richard lah*

jimmy longwill - January 13, 2025 at 05:23 AM

TD

“ *As so many have already said, Dick was a great guy. Growing up some friends parents are intimidating. Not Dick. He was easy to talk to and always good for a laugh. I'm glad I got to play at least one round of golf him & Greg. My heartfelt condolences to the family. I will miss him too.*

Tom Dandelles - January 11, 2025 at 05:01 PM

AJ

“ Mr. Dick Thompson, you were an incredible man. You watched me grow into the man I am today. It was always great to see you when I went to Trinity as a youngster, and I enjoyed seeing you in the summer of 2023. Got to tell Dick my love for bowling and music. Also anytime I visited Illinois I always asked how Dick was doing. I will miss you. Thank you for your service Mr. Thompson. You were a great man and role model to many. Your light will shine bright in Illinois and in our hearts. ❤️

Aaron Jeneary - January 11, 2025 at 04:16 PM

AJ

My condolences to the Thompson family. I am the Grandson of Mike and Janet LaReau.

Aaron Jeneary - January 11, 2025 at 04:17 PM

BJ

“ So very sorry for your loss. 🙏 Barb Jensen Jackson daughter of cousin Warren (Bob) Jensen



Barbara B Jackson - January 11, 2025 at 12:33 AM

PZ

“ So sorry to learn of Dick's passing. He was our mailman on Hawkins Street for as long as I can remember. Always happy and never missed a chance to wave or say hello while on his route. Dick was also my dad's cousin. My sincere condolences to all of the Thompson family.

Paul Ziemer - January 10, 2025 at 10:19 PM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard R. "Dick" Thompson



MR MRS - January 10, 2025 at 07:50 AM

MT

“ Another great guy has joined the ranks in Heaven. He was our mailman for many years in west Kankakee n always so friendly n jovial. Prayers for the family.



Mary Thomson - January 09, 2025 at 10:37 PM

GM

“ I have known Dick "The Mailman" for more years than I can recall. Dick was a man that got along with everyone. Every time I would run into him, which was very frequently for many years, he would act as if he was my best friend. He loved people and loved his family the most. I will miss him and cherish the many years of laughs we shared.

Gary T. Mitchell - January 09, 2025 at 08:41 PM

AB

“ Dick, Shirley and Greg were our next-door neighbors for 14 years. He was a wonderful man. He was so good to my husband and I and to our dogs. He loved them like his own. He would do anything for you and had a huge heart. Even in his mid-80s, Dick would get down on the floor to play with our dogs. One time, our dog, Emily, got out and we were frantic. We found her quickly at Dick's door, barking/crying to get inside ... :) Heaven's gain is definitely our loss. Love you, Dick, and rest in peace.

Amy and John Brown - January 09, 2025 at 05:56 PM

AS

“ Dick was a regular at the golf course. He and his son would spend hours almost daily on the putting green. His energy and stamina were inspiring to me. I will miss him. And mostly I will miss his hand shakes and smiles. My prayers are with his family and friends. I know he is with the Lord.

Andy Nielsen, Sr. - January 09, 2025 at 04:26 PM

CN

“ I have such fond memories of "Dicky Bird" (where that nickname came from I'll never know - maybe it was his Post Office nickname). He could certainly brighten a room with him smile. My condolences to the family. The world just got a a little dimmer.

Claudia (Emling) Noe - January 09, 2025 at 04:12 PM