



## Richard "Dick" Tilden

July 21, 1932 - November 10, 2025

Richard D. "Dick" Tilden, 93, of Akron, Indiana passed peacefully on Monday, November 10, 2025 at Peabody Retirement Community of North Manchester, where he had resided for the last 11 months.

Dick was born on July 21, 1932, in Akron, Indiana, to the late Russell and Joy M. (Geiger) Tilden. He graduated from Akron High School in 1950. On August 11, 1951, he married Carolyn Ann Helvey, who remained his beloved wife until her passing on December 5, 2020.

After a long career with Pike Lumber Company, Dick retired but continued working part-time, managing tree farms across three states. He and Carolyn cherished their time together, often sitting on the porch and watching life unfold in Akron. Dick found joy in teaching his children the game of basketball, sharing his love for the sport with them.

He had a passion for firearms and fishing, especially on trips to Minnesota with close friends. Around town, he was often seen driving his golf cart or UTV, enjoying coffee, and swapping stories. Above all, Dick was a devoted and loving father, whose presence enriched the lives of his family.

He is survived by his children Mike (Pam) Tilden, Akron; Jeff (Nancy) Tilden, Akron; Scott (Cindy) Tilden, Akron; Lori (DeLynn) Tilden-Geiger, Warsaw;

Tricia Tilden (Dustin Hook), Akron; and sister Nellene Rentschler, Logansport. Dick is also survived by his grandchildren Cassandra Eherenman, David Tilden, Stephanie Heckel, Ryan Tilden, Wendy Tilden, Hillary Johnson, Mallory Deardorff-Dawson, Alex Deardorff, Graham Geiger, Shane Potter, and Blane Potter along with their spouses, nieces, nephews, and great-grandchildren.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and sister Janis Sue Mayhew.

The funeral service will take place at 1:00 pm, Friday, November 14, 2025 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Akron, Indiana with Pastor JP Freeman officiating.

His interment will take place immediately following the service in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be held from 11 am to 1 pm, Friday, November 14, 2025 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the Tippecanoe Valley Boys Basketball Youth League.

# Cemetery Details

## Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E  
Akron, IN 46910

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
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## Funeral Service

NOV **14**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Dick" Tilden



Hartzler Funeral Services - November 13, 2025 at 12:43 PM

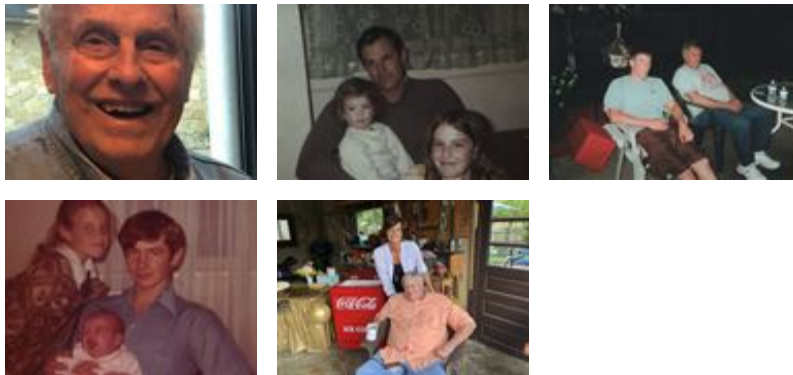


“ Heartfelt prayers and thoughts for the family at this difficult time.

Curt Slone - November 13, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ 125 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - November 13, 2025 at 12:38 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Tilden.*



November 13, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ *Uncle Richard was a kind and gentle man. He so loved his family. I also carried him in my heart. Sending my love to all my cousins.*

*Reesa*



**Reesa Mills** - November 13, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Tilden.*



November 12, 2025 at 03:51 PM



“ *So sorry to hear, he was one of the good guys!! Ethel*

**Ethel Wood** - November 12, 2025 at 02:34 PM

EW

“ Ethel W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dick" Tilden.

Ethel W. - November 12, 2025 at 02:30 PM

KO

“ Katie O. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dick" Tilden.

Katie O. - November 12, 2025 at 01:48 PM

MH

“ Many memories of Richard and the gang at the mini mart, thank you (big dick), rip richard

Mark hoffman - November 12, 2025 at 01:29 PM

SG

“ So sorry, my love and prayers with the family.  
Shirley G.



Shirley Gray - November 12, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Tilden.



November 12, 2025 at 10:43 AM

AB

“ Angie (Wood) Bailey lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Tilden



Angie (Wood) Bailey - November 12, 2025 at 10:14 AM

SB

“ Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Tilden



Shirley Bickel - November 11, 2025 at 07:12 PM

GM

“ Georgia Moudy lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Tilden



Georgia Moudy - November 11, 2025 at 06:16 PM

GM

“ Great and wonderful man. May he rest in peace.

Georgia Moudy - November 11, 2025 at 06:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Tilden.



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November 11, 2025 at 06:07 PM