



## Richard C. Rader

July 19, 1924 - December 16, 2021

Richard C. "Dick" Rader, 97, of rural Akron, Indiana passed at 3:35 pm, Thursday, December 16, 2021 at Peabody Retirement Community of North Manchester, Indiana.

Dick was born on July 19, 1924 in Akron, Indiana to the late Ralph and Grace (Miller) Rader. He married on Nov. 18, 1945 in the Akron United Methodist Church to LaDonna M. Summe, she preceded him in death on Jan. 24, 2019.

He was a 1942 graduate of Akron High School. He was a lifetime member of the Akron United Methodist Church. Dick was a proud farmer. He took great care in raising cattle for many years. In years past, he also raised hogs.

Dick was a member of the Lincoln Masonic Lodge #523 of Macy since 1955 and the Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine since 1962. He was honored as a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1986 by Governor Robert D. Orr. He was an avid Purdue Boilermakers fan. Dick was known to be meticulous in everything he did.

Dick is survived by a daughter Candi Newell of Silver Lake as well as many close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife of 74 years LaDonna.

The funeral service will take place at 1:00 pm, Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Pastor David Eaton officiating.

The interment will take place following the service in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana next to his wife and parents.

Visitation hours will be from 11 am to 1 pm, Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Akron United Methodist Church in his memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E  
Akron, IN 46910

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
P.O. Box 856  
Akron, IN 46910  
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## Funeral Service

DEC **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard C. Rader.*



December 19, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers Candi, he will surely be missed. A good friend.*



**Shirley Gray** - December 19, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ *The Rader family was always a favorite. Mrs. Rader was a teacher of mine. And Candi a classmate. We lost touch years ago but please know, I feel your loss. Dad's are very special; they are our first introduction to the proper treatment of ladies. He was a teacher, a comforter, the strength when he was needed; a listener when you just needed to think out loud and a protector when doubt and fear cropped in. Candi, you were blessed with many years of having him in your life. You'll always have the memories of years past, you'll giggle at a forgotten story and cry at the tender thoughts. Sending you love and comforting prayer for the days ahead. Reach out anytime you need.*



**Marjorie Kendall** - December 18, 2021 at 11:59 AM

LE

“ *My Dad (Kenny) and I worked on their house in the spring of '71. Fifty years later, he still remembered me. Sharp as a tack! I always marveled at his never-ending optimism. Wonderful people!*

Lee Ege - December 18, 2021 at 10:07 AM

LE

“ *Lee Ege lit a candle in memory of Richard C. Rader*



Lee Ege - December 18, 2021 at 09:59 AM

JK

“ *Joyce Krieger lit a candle in memory of Richard C. Rader*



Joyce Krieger - December 18, 2021 at 08:31 AM

BE

“ *My heart is beyond broken to learn that this amazing man has passed. Yet, as a friend reminded me he is dancing with his beautiful bride.  
I started working at Dr William Hankee's office 25 1/2 years ago. Richard and Ladonna instantly became a favorite. Through out the years they became like family. The laughs, the stories and amazing memories, I will forever cherish. The love story they shared is one for the record books. I will miss his smile, his laugh and everything about him.*

Beth Egolf - December 17, 2021 at 05:13 PM

CR

“ Terry and I enjoyed Richard coming to the store each week and his conversations we shared... Also his love for LaDonna... Holding hands and laughter was such a joy...

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**Cris and Terry Randall** - December 17, 2021 at 03:31 PM

MR

“ I enjoyed Dick and LaDonna visits. When I started teaching at Akron, LaDonna's room was 2 down from mine and Dick would come to help LaDonna do things and always come down to visit. I appreciated Dick's caring after LaDonna. What a very special relationship they had. He will be missed. Candi, I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Miriam Ruppel** - December 17, 2021 at 01:30 PM

JB

“ Jim & Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of Richard C. Rader



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**Jim & Shirley Bickel** - December 17, 2021 at 12:42 PM