



## Richard Lee Teel

August 15, 1944 - May 17, 2023

Richard Lee Teel of Mentone passed away and went to be with the Lord on May 17, 2023 after a four year battle with dementia. Richard, also known as Dick, was born August 15, 1944 to Herschel and Mary (Witham) Teel. Dick was the middle son of five boys. On June 6, 1964 he married Janie Newton, the love of his life and best friend. They shared 60 years together.

Dick and Janie have three daughters, Debbie, Brenda, and Heather. They also had a beloved son Scott, who passed away at 18 years old in a heart-breaking accident. Dick was also blessed with six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was a 1962 graduate of Mentone High School. Dick was a dedicated employee at RR Donnelley's for 43 years, before retiring in 2006. Throughout Dick's life, he enjoyed bowling, hunting for mushrooms, collecting coins, watching the Cardinals, rooting for the Bears, fishing, mowing, and taking annual trips to Florida and fishing trips to Wisconsin.

Dick and Janie loved watching their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in all of their activities, birthday parties, sporting events, and family get-togethers. Dick was a devoted family man who loved his wife and children with all he had. Everything he did, he did for them. He was generally a quiet man, selfless, funny, loving, and generous. He never missed a birthday

or anniversary of his dear wife, Janie.

Dick also had his little Yorkie, Dori, currently 17, with whom he loved. They took daily rides around the countryside looking at cattle. Dick and Janie were members of Riverview Community Church. They both have a strong faith in the Lord and know they will be reunited again in Heaven with all their loved ones, which gives comfort to our broken hearts.

Richard is survived by his wife, Janie of 59 years, Brothers: Jim (Barb) Teel Warsaw, Dave (Lou) Teel, Beaver Dam; Daughters: Debra (DeWayne) Doty, Winamac, Brenda Miller, Winona Lake, Heather Teel, Kokomo; Grandchildren: Michael (Whitney Frey) Doty, Benjamin (Laura) Doty, Sarah (Logan) Kreft, Sydney Miller, Macy Miller, and Josie Miller; Great grandchildren: Dylan, Brantley, Braden, Lillian, Clayton, and Leah; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents Herschel and Mary Teel; Brothers Larry and Tom Teel; Son in law Todd Miller; Beloved son Scott.

The funeral service will take place at 11:00 am, Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Ind. with Pastors Rod Ruberg and Steve Wilhelm officiating.

The interment will take place following the service in the Sycamore Cemetery of rural Mentone, Ind.

Visitation hours will be from 5 pm to 8 pm, Monday, May 22, 2023 at King Memorial Home, Mentone, Ind.

# Cemetery Details

## Sycamore Cemetery

Mentone, IN 46539

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 22.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

King Memorial Home  
101 North Tucker Street  
P.O. Box 56  
Mentone, IN 46539  
(574) 353-7975  
[info@hartzlerfuneralservices.com](mailto:info@hartzlerfuneralservices.com)  
<https://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com>

## Funeral Service

**MAY 23.** 11:00 AM (ET)

King Memorial Home  
101 North Tucker Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Lee Teel*



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - May 20, 2023 at 06:56 PM

BS

“ *Dick was a dear friend of my parents, Greg and Mabel Smith. Dick brought them much joy and friendship. My everlasting memory of Dick is from my father's funeral. Mom wanted to sing "In The Garden", because it captures the moment of Jesus approaching a person who has come alone. Mom was a strong singer and started with full voice, and got about 8 words into the song, and just could not go on. Not once in her life had Mabel Smith's voice faltered, until then. I hugged her and then this angel's voice from behind us sang louder to fill the gap. A strong, beautiful voice. Dick Teal came to the rescue and with such a voice. I spoke to Mom after the service. "Who was that?" "That was Dick, he is a wonderful singer, and a wonderful friend." Dick, thank you for enriching my parent's lives with your unwavering friendship and for helping us carry on singing.*

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**Bruce Smith** - January 24, 2024 at 12:20 AM

SK

“ Janie, please accept my deepest condolences with the loss of your husband Dick. I remembered when we graduated from Mentone High School you and Dick were planning to get married. Steve Kovach Sun City West Arizona [spk1996@cox.net](mailto:spk1996@cox.net).

Steven Kovach - May 26, 2023 at 07:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Teel.



May 22, 2023 at 02:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Teel.



May 22, 2023 at 11:04 AM

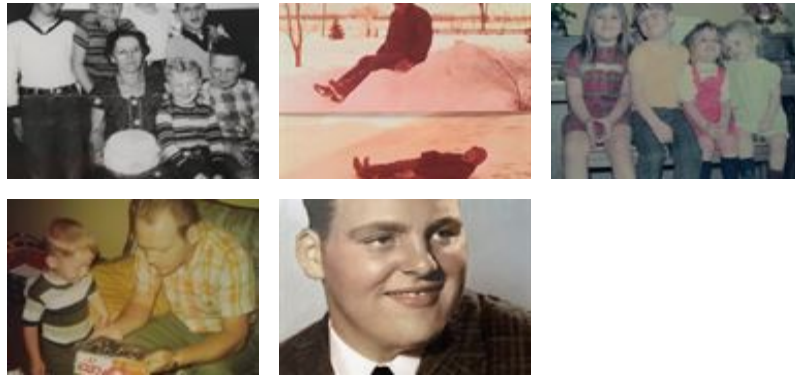
JV

“ Janie, you & all your family are in our Prayers 🙏 . The Lord gained another Saint. Love ❤️ in Christ. Jim & Patricia Vigar. Madera, CA.

Jim Vigar - May 22, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hartzler Funeral Services - May 21, 2023 at 09:53 PM

BR

“ Bob and Karin Record purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Richard Lee Teel.



Bob and Karin Record - May 21, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Teel.



May 21, 2023 at 09:27 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - May 21, 2023 at 06:59 AM



“ *Betty Dotson lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Teel*

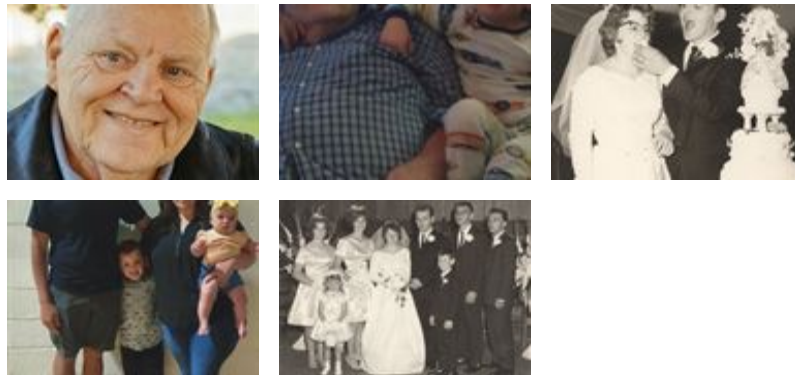


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**Betty Dotson** - May 20, 2023 at 10:25 PM



“ 95 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - May 20, 2023 at 06:55 PM

SF

“ Sympathy to the Richard Teel family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Richard Lee Teel.



Sympathy to the Richard Teel family - May 19, 2023 at 11:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Teel.



May 19, 2023 at 05:21 PM

MO

“ Worked with Dick for many years . RIP

Mike Orr - May 18, 2023 at 08:03 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Teel.



May 18, 2023 at 07:02 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Teel.*



May 18, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Teel.

May 18, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *What a gentle, loving man. Dick was friendly to everyone, and always had a smile that warmed your heart. To Janie and the family, please accept our deepest sympathy for such a loss of someone so dear to many. He will be greatly missed by all of us who loved him. Take all the time you need to grieve this genuine gentleman. May God truly bless you through this difficult time in your life.*



**Butch and Diane Warren** - May 18, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ *Dick and I were class mates, prayers for his family.*

**Linda Sallee** - May 18, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Teel.*



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May 18, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Blaine Hartzler** - May 18, 2023 at 04:37 PM