



James Richard Calhoon

June 25, 1945 - March 20, 2011

J. Richard Calhoon, 65, of Carthage passed away after a sudden illness, at 12:46 a.m., Sunday, March 20, 2011, surrounded by his family at St. John's Regional Medical Center. He was the son of Ivan Calhoon and Ivetta (Rediger) Calhoon and was raised in the Bloomington-Normal, Illinois area. Rich married Cheryl "Bunn" on August 28, 1965 in Bloomington, Illinois. She survives. Upon graduating from Illinois State University, Rich and Cheryl began their family in Bloomington, Illinois, where he worked for the Illinois Agriculture Association (I.A.A.). In 1979, Rich joined Leggett and Platt and moved the family to Carthage, MO. Rich was Vice President of Investor Relations at Leggett until he retired in 2002. Upon retirement Rich enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Rich loved boating at the lake, as well as traveling and playing golf. Rich took great pride in his lawn and spent many hours working in the yard. Rich attended First United Methodist Church in Carthage.

Rich is survived by his wife, Cheryl. He is also survived by two sons, James "Jim" R. Calhoon, Jr. and wife Kim of Republic; Brian Calhoon and wife Annie of Carthage, two daughters Kimberly Hoover of Carthage and Jennifer Mansfield and husband Scott of Carthage; one brother David Calhoon of Bloomington, Illinois, and nine grandchildren, Ben Hoover, Will Mansfield, Katie Mansfield, Taylor Mansfield, A.J. Calhoon, Josh Calhoon, Dylan Calhoon, Emily Calhoon and Jenna Calhoon.

Rich is preceded in death by one brother and his parents.

Memorial Services will be at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church in Carthage. Contributions may be given to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital in care of Ulmer Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

AP

“ OUR THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR YOUR FAMILY.

Ann and Duane Potter - April 05, 2011 at 02:35 PM

DL

“ I was saddened to learn of Rich's passing. Rich and I both grew up in Bloomington. Both his parents were teachers of mine and Rich and I worked together at IAA Trust Company from 1971 until his leaving in 1979.

May you take comfort in knowing that Rich was and is fondly remembered by those that knew him in Bloomington. I regret that I was unable to attend his service.

Sincerely,

Dennis Litt Osage Beach, MO

Dennis Litt - March 24, 2011 at 09:14 AM

FB

“ We are sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Fred and Tina Beck - March 23, 2011 at 12:39 PM

RH

“ Cheryl and Family, Our deepest sympathy to you and the kids on Rich's passing. I can remember alot of fond memories of the boys and sports, and the short time that we were neighbors. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Ray and Cindy Harding - March 23, 2011 at 07:37 AM

DC

“ *James Richard Calhoon*

David Calhoon & Janis Quinn Calhoon - March 23, 2011 at 06:17 AM

SP

“ *My heartfelt sympathies go out to you as you go through this difficult time. May you find peace in knowing you shared this life with Rich.*
Shirley Pace

Shirley Gillen Pace - March 22, 2011 at 09:40 AM