



Richard "Dick" C. Rubison

June 17, 1924 - June 25, 2012

Richard (Dick) C. Rubison of Carthage, Mo. passed away Monday morning June 25, 2012 after a long illness. He was 88 years old. Dick was married to Ruth I. Kolpin Rubison, she survives.

Dick was born June 17, 1924 in Hannibal, MO. His parents were Howard C. and Mary Elizabeth (Marie) Middendorf. Dick had one younger brother, Howard Joseph (Tena) Rubison, who died in 1991. The Rubison family moved to Quincy, IL, when Dick was 13 and his parents established the H.C. Rubison Sweet Shop at 7th & Main Streets, in Quincy. Dick attended Notre Dame High School and Quincy College. After completing his bachelor's degree, Dick married Mary Catherine Lenane on November 9, 1946. They were members of St. Francis Solanus Parish. They have two children, Richard Michael (Mike) of Lake Bluff, IL and Mary Lynne (Dave) Bordewick of Glen Ellyn, IL. There are six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. While in Quincy, Dick taught chemistry at Quincy College, was Director of the Metallurgical Laboratory at Gardner Denver and then became Personnel Director of Motorola. Dick accepted a transfer with Motorola to the Webb City facility in 1974 and they made their home in Joplin, MO. After Dick's wife Mary Catherine died in 1981, he remained in the Joplin area.

On September 15, 1984, he married Birdie Belle Stephens Garoutte. Dick has one step-daughter, Glenna (Bruce) Watkins of Joplin; two grandchildren and two great-grandsons. Dick and Birdie were married for thirteen years until her death in 1997. During this time, Dick retired from his work at Motorola after 20

years of service.

Dick met Ruth at the Joplin Historical Society House of Lords Celebration at the Holiday Inn June 1998. They were introduced by Pedro & Alice Pantajoa. That began a five year courtship and happy times with the couples many friends. Dick was united in marriage to Ruth Irene Kolpin on June 14, 2003, she survives. Other survivors are two stepsons, A. Dean Petersen of Nixa and Ronald (Louise) Petersen, Sr. of Carthage, 8 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Throughout his life, Dick was an active member of numerous service, community, and volunteer associations and was granted many awards for his faithful service to his community. Some of his longest associations were with The American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts of America, Rotary International and the catholic parishes in each city where he lived.

Quincy, IL. associations and awards: St. Francis Parish Council Trustee and President of the Parish Board at St. Francis Parish Member and Past President of Holy Name Society President of the St. Vincent DePaul Society President and Member of the Board of Directors, Catholic Charities Member of Diocesan Board of Education, Springfield, Illinois Diocese President of Christian Brothers High School and Notre Dame High School Parents Clubs Member of the Mart Heinen Club, Quincy College Chairman of Quincy Transit Commission of the City of Quincy Advisor and Board Member of Quincy Junior Achievement Member of American Management Association Member of the American Society for Quality Control Board Member of Quincy Heart Association American Red Cross First Aid Instructor President of United Community Services of Adams County - Quincy - 1975 Voice of Motorola Citation of Merit Award - Master Reporter - 1971 National Management Association - Junior Achievement Advisor Team Award - 1967

Joplin and Carthage, MO., awards and associations: Southwest Missouri Chapter American Red Cross Chapter Chairman Award - 1994 - 1998 - 1999 – 2000 Western Jasper County Chapter American Red Cross Chairman Award - 1993 Board Member American Red Cross Ozark Regional Blood

Services Springfield, MO for 8 years American Red Cross Distinguished Volunteer Service Award 1994 The Freeman Foundation Quality in Medicine Award - 2000 Southwest Missouri Chapter American Red Cross - 30 years of Service Award - 1995 St. John Medical Center Foundation Board Member 6 years Committee and Cast Member of Blast From the Past St. John Medical Center - Progress of Healthcare Award - 1994 Century Member Award - Boy Scouts of America-1995 Served on the Board for 15 years Rotary Club member since 1985, Served as President 1992/1993 Rotary Club coordinator and Rotary Host Chair Rotary International - Service Above Self Award - 1994 Rotary Foundation of Rotary International - Paul Harris Fellow Award Rotary Certificate of Honorary Membership - 1997 Mercy Regional Health Foundation Award - 1992 Southwestern Bell Telephone Senior Volunteer Award – 1991 President of the Joplin Workshop, Inc. Board of Directors – 1987 - Board member for 15 years Personnel Professional Award -19 years of devoted service to the employees of Motorola - 1985 Motorola Recreation Committee - 17 years of Faithful Service Award - 1983 Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador beginning in 1983 thru 2002 Chairman of Ozark Public Television Winefeast for several years Member of Sacred Heart Church, Webb City since 1974 Member of Board of Directors of Sacred Heart Parish - 5 years Chairman for Turkey Feast at Sacred Heart Catholic Church for several years Member of Choir, Eucharistic Minister and Trustee for Sacred Heart Parish Dick enjoyed people, music, whistling, dancing, golfing, fishing, playing cards, and volunteering. A distinguishing trademark was his laugh and his love of God, family, friends and life. Prayer services will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 28, 2012, with Father Bill Hodgson at Ulmer Funeral Home Carthage, MO., visitation to follow.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 29,2012, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Webb City at 10:30 AM.

Eulogy will be given by Dr. Mitch Stinnett. Pallbearers Honorary Pallbearers Ronald Petersen, Jr. Dr. Mitch Stinnett John Motazedí Dan L. Stanley Darren

Miller Hans Ytell Chaz Miller Dr. Ned Chase Brad Anderson Dean Burpo Barry
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Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Compassus Joplin, MO or
St. Ann's Church Carthage, or Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Webb City, in
care of Ulmer's Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.ulmerfh.com Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Interment will be in Quincy, IL, at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, there will be a
grave side service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 30, 2012, arrangements are
being handled through Duker & Haugh Funeral Home of Quincy.

Tribute Wall

CT

“ Dear Ruth and family, we were sorely saddened at hearing of Dick's passing. We loved Dick and cherished the bridge sessions with him. Sadly, those ended on an unfortunate note, but not without leaving most fond memories, for me, at least. We pray for your peace and comfort. Love, Wayne and Carolyn

Carolyn and Wayne Tucker - June 29, 2012 at 10:50 AM

BB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. I feel so blessed to have been a part of his life, even for just a little while. I will always remember how his face would light up when Miss Ruth would come in to tell him good night. He will be greatly missed and forever loved. Prayers to his family. Be at peace, Dick.

Beth Brown - June 28, 2012 at 03:38 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Dick, but I know that he is out of pain and watching over his loved ones. I am proud to have been able to help care for Dick before my own health got bad. One of my favorite memories is when I walk into his room to tell him good morning and he would grin, with a twinkle in his eyes and say, "Well, good morning. Where have you been?" I will miss his smile. Go with God, Dick.

Sharon Tatum - June 28, 2012 at 03:29 PM

MS

“ Dearest Ruth,
I am so sorry to hear about Dicks passing but so happy that you had those wonderful years with him. Please know that you and all of the family are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time.
Love, Martha Smith

Martha Smith - June 28, 2012 at 11:11 AM

MM

“ Please accept my personal condolences to Ruth and family on the passing of Dick. The community will miss such an active volunteer and positive individual

Marvin Singleton, M.D. - June 27, 2012 at 01:09 PM