



## Richard Erskin

March 5, 1938 - December 26, 2022

Richard Erskin, 84, passed away Monday, December 26, 2022, in Carthage, Missouri. Richard was born March 5, 1938, in Carthage to Roy Erskin and Ruth (Wilbur) Erskin. He worked for 44 years at Dyno Nobel, Inc., formerly known as Hercules Powder Company. Richard was a 32nd Degree Mason, Joplin Lodge. He attended Joplin Heights Baptist Church and volunteered as the Prayer Coordinator. Richard also enjoyed woodworking very much. Richard married his second wife, Dorothy Smith. He and Dorothy were together for 42 years when she preceded him in death on August 24, 2022. Richard married his first wife, Carolyn Rowe, in 1957 in Carthage; she survives. To this union three children were born.

Richard is survived by his first wife, Carolyn (Rowe) Smith; one son, Ricky Erskin of Wichita, Kansas; one daughter, Sherry Smith (Jimmy) of Carthage, Missouri; one son-in-law, Carl Henderson; one brother, Leonard Erskin of Monett, Missouri; one sister, Judy Erskin of Claremore, Oklahoma; ten grandchildren, Ashley (Jacob), Christopher, Austin, Jessika, Jeffery (Tena), Justin (Megan), Chelsey (Lauren), Nicholas, Tyler, and Brayden (Autumn); and twenty-three great grandchildren.

Richard is preceded in death by his second wife, Dorothy Smith; one daughter, Debra Henderson; his parents, Roy and Ruth Erskin; five brothers, Virgil, Rolland, Roy, Edward, and Jimmy; and one sister, Wanda Martin.

# Cemetery Details

## Park Cemetery

801 South Baker  
Carthage, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home  
1208 S. Garrison  
Carthage, MO 64836  
(417) 358-2222  
ulmerfh@gmail.com  
<https://www.ulmerfh.com/>

## Graveside Service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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801 South Baker  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Just learned of the passing of Richard. My heart goes out to each of you and I'm praying that you each can feel comfort, peace and healing strength in the days ahead. Richard was an amazing neighbor and was so kind to us. He will be missed by many. ~The Henry's - Jimmy & Theresa



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**Theresa** - January 04, 2023 at 02:29 PM

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“ Our condolences to family and friends. My Mom Donna Kay Jones Fike attended Centennial County School with Richard. Her Father Don Jones also worked at Hercules. Mom remembers a scary time when Dorthy Landers was teaching & Richard was on the swing when the top bar fell on Richard. The swing had two vertical posts one on either end with a horizontal cross bar at the top. One end of the top bar fell on Richard & he was hurt. Mom doesn't remember the details of how they got Richard to the doctor. She says it was really scary & the teacher didn't have any other adults with her in the school at the time. He was probably in second or third grade. Kelly Shoemake

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**Kelly Shoemake** - December 28, 2022 at 08:08 PM