



Richard G. "Dick" Merrill

October 20, 2007

Merrill, Richard G. "Dick" October 20, 2007, age 70 of Plymouth. ♦ Beloved father of Jeannine (Colin Baldwin) and Lisa (Bob Price). ♦ Very proud grandfather of Casey. ♦ Dear brother of Gloria, Barbara (Phil) Coates, Janet (Fred) Knight, Elizabeth (Bob) Willerer, and Bill (Janet).

Dick grew up in the St. Francis de Sales Parish in N. W. Detroit. ♦ He retired from AT & T as a PBX installer with over 30 years of service. ♦ Mr. Merrill was an active volunteer with the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Team, an enthusiastic Amateur Radio Operator call sign KB8CFQ who often served as a severe weather spotter and a long time volunteer with the Plymouth Fire Department. ♦ He was also a member of the Western Wayne County Conservation Association (Black Powder enthusiast), ♦ Northville Moose Lodge #1190, Life member of the Elks Club, Northville VFW Post 412, American Legion Post #32, where he served on the Honor Guard as a ♦ Quarter Master and Wayne County Homeland Security-Radiological Officer. ♦

Visitation Tuesday and Wednesday 2-9 PM, Honor Guard Service Wednesday 7 PM and Funeral Service Thurs. 10 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (Between Sheldon & Beck).

Interment Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross-S.E. Michigan Chapter, Development Office. P.O. Box 44110, Detroit, Michigan 48244-0110.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard G. "Dick" Merrill*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I grew up with Gloria, Dick, Barbara, Janet, Bill & Betty. I lived (on Stansbury) behind your home on Cruise. We have lost contact over the years. Sorry to hear of the loss of Richard (Dick) And would be interested in hearing from someone in the family, especially Gloria. Hugs to all, Jill (Petterson) & Warren Houle, Livonia, Michigan*

Jill (Petterson) Houle - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM



“ *I knew Dick from his many long hours at the American Red Cross. I will miss his loud booming voice coming over the radios, in a rapid fire fashion. Dick was constantly working hard to make things better for those around him, and we are all much better for having had Dick in our lives. He always gave 110 and his giving knew no limitations, with us he helped people locally, and would travel to where-ever his assistance was needed. Dick Merrill was truly a man among men, and will be missed. I thank you Dick for having made me a much better person. The world is a better place for having had you and your dedication to service for the time that we did. Thank you. Patrick J. Holland*

Patrick J. Holland - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

FB

“ Jeanine and Lisa, It was with a very heavy heart that I greeted you today. I have known your father for many years and have many, many fond memories. Your father played an instrumental part in starting my firefighting career and I am most thankful for his continued encouragement and occasional attitude adjustment... I am quite certain that I would not have attained my career goals without having him. When I learned of the details of your fathers service to the Red Cross, I was not at all surprised. Richard was always willing to do anything and go anywhere to help a friend in need or travel across the country to help a total stranger if necessary. As a personal friend and colleague, I could not have asked for better. Together, we worked our selfs silly with our group and civic involvements, partied with the best of them, and returned to work on Monday morning without complaint. Your father will be missed by many, but rest assured, the world is a much better place because of him! God bless you both.

Frank Barrett - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

BS

“ I am so sorry in your time of grief. I worked with Dick at the Red Cross in Detroit and have to say I always loved being around him.

Barbara Stevens - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

J(

“ I knew Dick form WWCA muzzleloaders. He was a good man, always there to help. I enjoyed Dicks company around the campfire. He will be missed by all.

Jan Wesselius (Steakpounder) - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

TF

“ *Dick was a man of the world. Each life he touched became better because of his being,*

The Della Dora Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

FC

“ *I know Dick will be missed by many. We have many fine memories of our years on the Plymouth Fire Dept Fred (Florida).*

Fred Clement - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

JJ

“ *Dear Lisa , So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I know how difficult this is. Our prayers are with you at this time. And we are always as close as the phone should you need us. Much Love.*

Jot and Melinda Johnson - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

MG

“ *Our very very deepest sympathy to GREAT AMERICAN who is in all our prayers and thoughts.*

MR &MRS C. GOGOLA - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

AD

“ *I thought this poem was very fitting... God saw you getting tired, When a cure was not to be. So He wrapped his arms around you, and whispered, "Come to me". You didn't deserve what you went through, So He gave you rest. God's garden must be so beautiful, He only takes the best And when I saw you sleeping, So peaceful and free from pain I could not wish you back To suffer that again.*

Anne & Don - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

DD

“ Bill and Janet...my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I read the obituary and Dick was certainly a one of a kind gentleman.

Donna DeMars - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

GT

“ I am sorry for your loss. You father and I were good friends at post 32...I will miss his smiling face...my prayers are with you...grace floyd Teddy

Grace Teddy - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

KR

“ Peace and love to the family, He served his country with honor and digity. He will be truly missed.

Karen & Leon Rousseau - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

PM

“ Nice man. Great neighbor. He'll be missed. Our prayers to the family.

Pat & Tom Marunich - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

AM

“ Uncle Dick is the true definition of a hero. He is a man that I have always looked up to and respected. He has touched more lives then I could ever imagine. He will live on in the hearts of everyone who loves him. May you find comfort now that he is at peace.

Anne Merrill - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

AM

“ *Uncle Dick is the true definition of a hero. He is a man I have always looked up to and respected. He has touched more lives than I could ever imagine. He will continue to live on in the hearts of everyone who loves him. May you find comfort now that he is at peace.*

Anne Merrill - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

“As we have prayed for Uncle Dick these past few months we have been trusting not only for healing of body (which we did see), but healing of his soul and understanding of the Lord Jesus Christ and His great love for all of us. My hope is that Uncle Dick is at this very moment in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, rejoicing with those who have gone before him - especially Grandma. Psalm 40 I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he has put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. Blessed is the man that makes the Lord his trust, and respects not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. Many, O Lord my God, are your wonderful works which you have done, and your thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. Sacrifice and offering you did not desire; my ears have you opened: burnt offering and sin offering have you not required. Then I said, Lo I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do your will, O my God: yes, your law is within my heart. I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, you know. I have not hid your righteousness within my heart; I have declared your faithfulness and your salvation: I have not concealed your loving kindness and your truth from the great congregation. Withhold not your tender mercies from me, O Lord: let your loving kindness and your truth continually preserve me. For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart fails me. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haste to help me. Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil. Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha. Let all those that seek you rejoice and be glad in you: let such as love your salvation say continually, The Lord be Magnified. But I am poor and needy;

*yet the Lord thinks upon me: you are my help and my deliverer;
make no tarrying, O my God.*

Rene Knight - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

DK

“ *We will miss you, Dick. Thank you for your tireless service to all.
God bless you and yours.*

Dick Harris KW8B - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

DT

“ *Bill & Janet, I am so sorry to hear this, Dick was a great guy who
would do anything for you. Jeannine - so sorry about you father, he
was definitely one of a kind and will be missed. Sorry I will be
unable to attend the funeral, I'm in Oscoda taking care of my dad
who is 76, Brian will be there with the Honor Guard. Let us know if
there is anything we can do.*

Diane Teddy - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM

JK

“ *Lisa & Bob - Our heart goes out to you and we will be thinking of
you and your family - please take care during this difficult time - God
Bless -*

Jim & Kathy - December 12, 2014 at 10:29 AM