



Richard R. Bettison

June 29, 1934 - February 28, 2020

Richard Ray Bettison aged 85 of Ludington went to be with our Lord on Friday, February 28, 2020. Richard was born on June 29, 1934 in Lansing, Michigan, the son of Raymond and Aloa (Moore) Bettison and was a graduate of Michigan State University. He lived in Archbold, Ohio for 25 years with previous wife Beverly Schartzler and was a member of the United Methodist church, a charter member of the Lions Club, an Assistant Scout Master, and retired from LaChoy Chinese Foods.

Following his retirement, Richard moved to Ludington where he married Darlene (Harrell) Clark. He was a member of Prayer and Praise Assembly of God and taught Foundations of Faith classes, participated in Prison Ministries, 5th Sunday Band, Senior Moments, and Lamp Lighters Care Group. Richard had a passion for music and played the banjo, ukulele, piano, and loved to sing and yodel. He enjoyed the outdoors, and spending time with family and friends. Richard loved Jesus and leaves a strong faith legacy behind, where he has positively impacted many lives.

Richard will be greatly missed by his precious wife of 37 years, Darlene; his children Lori (Jim) Lyons, Dan (Bonnie) Bettison, Lisa (Mike) McFadden, and Lynda (Roberto) Suazo; his "bonus" children Chuck (Kathy) Clark, Julie (Jerry) Carpenter, Jean (Rob) Williams, Lorie (Vinnie) Arcicovich, and Natalie (Andy) Barrette; 19 grandchildren and 13 ½ great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Aloa (Moore) Bettison, and his sister Gloria Simmon.

A Memorial service to honor Richard's life and ministry will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 7, at Prayer and Praise Assembly of God in Ludington. Those who wish to remember Richard with a memorial contribution are asked to consider the Missions Fund of the church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Prayer & Praise Assembly of God Church
509 North Staffon Street
Ludington, MI 49431

Tribute Wall

WS

“ Hello Darlene and family, I just read in the Archbold Buckeye that Dick graduated to his heavenly home. I know you will miss him greatly but wanted you to know we speak of you guys often. We cherish our friendship and send our love to you. Wayne and Peggy Schmucker

Wayne and Peggy Schmucker - March 16, 2020 at 10:45 PM

LS

“ When my family and I first moved to Ludington I was just 6. I remember Dick and Dar were some of the first people we met, I remember going over to their house in the country and they were always so kind to us. I still can remember Dick singing I'll fly away and yodeling like no one can! We love and miss you brother here on earth, but know you know in the presence of a king.

Laurel Shaw - March 06, 2020 at 10:56 PM

TW

“ It's better to light a virtual candle, than to curse the darkness. Rest in peace Richard. Sincere condolences to family.



Terry Williams - March 06, 2020 at 01:32 PM

LJ

To Richard's family, I join Terry Williams in offering sincere sympathy; and ask that you accept our combined condolences.

Linda Jankowski - March 07, 2020 at 10:38 AM

AA

“ Mr. Bettison will always have a special place in my heart. Caring for him through the last few months of his journey to heaven, although difficult to watch, was also beautiful and rewarding. Seeing his smile when I got the pillows just right, sitting with him and sharing stories about our families, being able to control his pain during his last few days. It was wonderful to meet the family he so lovingly talked about. Patients like him is why I became a nurse.

Andrea Acker - March 02, 2020 at 09:33 PM

CN

Richard's heart for God and people was a blessing to all he came in contact with. His passion for praising the Lord with music would always light up a room. I'm sure he's lighting up heaven too.

Connie Naiman - March 07, 2020 at 09:17 AM

SM

“ Dick was my neighbor to the North in Hidden Forest for many years. We borrowed items from each other over the years. He and Darlene were so good to me as a widow at the time. Later when Alan and I married, he and Dick became friends also. He was a man of God and will have a great place in Heaven. My prayers go out to the family. Your friends in Christ. Sandra and Alan Martin.

Sandra Martin - March 02, 2020 at 08:02 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Richard R. Bettison.



February 29, 2020 at 10:15 PM

CK

“ Richard was a good neighbor and friend. He loved being outdoors working on his lawn even though confined to a wheelchair. I spent many hours with him in the rehab center that became his home. I helplessly sat with him and watched him suffer breathing problems. It was heartbreaking to watch him not be able to get comfortable in his wheelchair or in his bed. As it says in Hebrews 2:10 Richard's salvation was made perfect through suffering. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Chet Kennedy - February 29, 2020 at 10:00 PM