



Richard "Dick" Poissant

January 18, 1935 - April 14, 2024

Richard "Dick" Poissant, 89 year old resident of St. Cloud, MN formerly of Little Falls, MN passed away Sunday, April 14, 2024 at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, April 22, 2024 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Belle Prairie, MN with Father David Maciej officiating. Burial will take place in the Holy Family Parish Cemetery in Belle Prairie. A visitation will be held from 3-6 P.M. on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN and from 10-11 A.M. on Monday at Holy Family Catholic Church. Caring for Dick and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Dick was born on January 18, 1935 in Brainerd, MN to the late Henry and Lucille (DeRosier) Poissant. He grew up in the Brainerd area where he attended school and graduated from High School. He was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart Joyce Schreiner on September 6, 1958 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in St. Cloud, MN. He served in the US Army Reserve, then in 1961 he was called to duty until 1963. Dick worked for Henry Mills Sr., the original owner of Mills Fleet Farm after High School and after his discharge from the Army he returned to work for the Mills family managing their store in Wadena, MN. After working in Wadena for a short time he moved to Little Falls, MN. Then in 1963 he opened the Little Falls Fleet Supply and began operating his own store. In 1973 he built the new store on the west side of Little Falls. This venture led Dick and his two sons Brian and Brad to open

their own Fleet Supply Stores in Aitkin and Cambridge. In 2000, Dick sold his store and began enjoying his retirement. During retirement, Dick and Joyce made family their number one priority. They attended their grandchildren's school events including concerts and all of their sporting activities. They never missed a game. Dick loved hunting in northern Minnesota and fishing in Canada. He had a love for woodworking, reading western books, and enjoyed working in his yard. He and Joyce along with the family spent lots of time at the family cabin on Gilbert Lake in the Brainerd Lakes Area. Dick enjoyed snowmobiling and four wheeling with family at their hunting cabin over the years. Dick also volunteered many hours of his time at Holy Family Catholic Church in Belle Prairie and the Little Falls Lions Club. He served in various roles in these organizations throughout his time with them. Due to his dedication to the Little Falls Lions Club he was awarded the Melvin Jones Award. Dick also served on the Board of Directors at the First National Bank in Little Falls. Dick was a jack-of-all-trades and to his family he was a master of many. He was dearly loved and will be remembered for his strong faith and dedication to family and friends.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Joyce of St. Cloud, MN; children, Brian Poissant of Sartell, MN and Barbara (Derek) Groth of Annandale, MN; daughter-in-law, Shari Poissant of St. Cloud, MN; brother, Donald (Phyllis) Poissant of North Branch, MN; grandchildren, Kayla (Alex) Gassner of Wausau, WI, Hannah (fiance Brent Lundquist) Groth of Litchfield, MN, Christopher (Rachel) Groth of Richmond, MN and Jennah Groth of Litchfield, MN; and great-grandchildren, Phillip and Nathaniel Gassner.

He was preceded in death by parents, Henry and Lucille Poissant; son, Bradley Poissant (2014) and grandson, Kory Poissant (2014).

Cemetery Details

Holy Family Parish Catholic Cemetery - Belle Prairie

18777 Riverwood Dr
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church - Belle Prairie
18777 Riverwood Drive
Little Falls, MN

Funeral Service

APR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church - Belle Prairie
18777 Riverwood Drive
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Dick" Poissant*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - April 17, 2024 at 02:36 PM

RM

“ *Joyce, Brian and Barb:
My condolences on Dick's passing.
Anytime I think of a memory I smile. He usually had a smile on his face, was so kind and of course "The ever present pipe".
From chasing our beloved Al Bauman led Flyer basketball teams to putting up with some young crazy snowmobilers who occasionally pounded their parents machines Dick was always fun loving and tolerant. (Can't speak to the time we screwed up his Coot UTV).
Our prayers to you and family.
Bob and Deb Miller*

Robert Miller - April 20, 2024 at 08:33 AM

SL

“ I have fond memories of Dick and how good a person he was. I did plumbing for him over the years and he was always gracious to me. I would try to go to his house calls at the end of the day. Dick and Joyce would inevitably have a glass of brandy and a desert laid out for me when i was done. Not to mention a plate of cookies to take home. God bless you Dick and know that your life on earth will be remembered by me as long as Im alive. --Steve LeMieur

Steve LeMieur - April 19, 2024 at 03:57 PM

LW

What a beautiful tribute! 🙏

Lynn Wenzel - April 19, 2024 at 11:20 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Poissant.



April 19, 2024 at 09:29 AM

ZS

“ Zahler Photography and Staff purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Richard "Dick" Poissant.



Zahler Photography and Staff - April 18, 2024 at 06:14 PM

ZS

“ Zahler Photography and Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dick" Poissant.

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Poissant.



April 18, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Poissant.



April 18, 2024 at 12:04 PM

AF

“ Al and Joan Kremer and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dick" Poissant.

Al and Joan Kremer and family - April 18, 2024 at 12:04 PM

MI

“ Sending prayers and special thoughts from our Brainerd days
Midge (Zak) Baniecke

Midge - April 18, 2024 at 10:03 AM

CM

“ Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Poissant



Claudette Moran - April 18, 2024 at 02:52 AM

CM

Gentle hugs, prayers, and condolences go out to Joyce, Brian, Barb, and the entire Poissant family. It was always nice to say hi to Dick and Joyce whenever I was shopping in town, or at church, or seeing Barb at class reunions. One memory that I wanted to share, was regarding my dad, when Barb and I were in second grade. Long story short, for some reason, Barb and I had a disagreement, and it was bothering me. My dad, who was very much French-Canadian, like your dad was, decided to share a moment of diplomacy with me at the time. He enjoyed the fact that I always got along well with my cousins on both sides of my family. So, he pointed out to the eight year old version of me and stated, "I think that Barb is your cousin." ("The First Cross" book was helpful with my family history research.) In a nutshell, he was trying to tell me to make a better effort to get along with everyone, and that family history research was a useful and fun hobby to have as you grow older. Thankfully, he was right all along. And, Barb and I are cousins on both the Poissant and DeRosier sides of the family through my paternal grandparents. Blessed be Dick's memory. May he rest in the peace of Christ, and may God hold all of you in the palm of his hand.

Claudette Moran - April 18, 2024 at 03:26 AM

RC

“ Roger Chirhart lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Poissant



Roger Chirhart - April 17, 2024 at 05:09 PM

RC

He was the best neighbor.

Roger Chirhart - April 17, 2024 at 05:10 PM



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Lemieur Funeral Homes - April 17, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ 66 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - April 17, 2024 at 12:49 PM

DV

“ *My condolences to Joyce, Brian, Barb and your families. Dick was a great man and will be missed by many people. I always enjoyed seeing him at our Lions' meetings and I will never forget the smell of his pipe! He was kind and generous man. May he rest in peace.*

David Verkuilen - April 16, 2024 at 05:20 PM

BA

“ *Bob Val & Tanner Madi Hunter & Archer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard "Dick" Poissant.*



Bob Val & Tanner Madi Hunter & Archer - April 16, 2024 at 12:49 PM

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