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Richard D. Chaffee, age 86 of Morris, died Thursday, April 2, 2015 at Margaret Mary Health. Born December 10, 1928 in Otterbein, Indiana, he is the son of Ella (Nee: Metzinger) and Minor Chaffee. He married Patricia Volz November 27, 1958 at St. Anthony's Church in Morris. Dick served in the army during the Korean War. After the service he would teach 5th grade for the Batesville Community School Corporation 31 years before retiring in 1988. He was a member of St. Anthony's Church, Batesville V.F.W. Post #3183 and the Retired Teachers Association. Dick had many talents and interests. He loved to fish with his buddies as well as rabbit and pheasant hunt. He was also a skilled woodworker and used his artistic abilities to create countless pieces for family and friends. An avid sports fan, he especially liked basketball. Dick also liked to tinker with lawn mowers. For years people have been bringing them to him so he could get them up and running again. Each year he would put out a huge garden and enjoyed working in his flower beds. According to the boys, dad had other talents as well. He could fix a BB gun so it would shoot around corners, could relieve the pressure of a blood blister on a toe with a hacksaw and apparently was an accomplished barber.....if you overlooked the scalped areas or bloodied ears.

Dick is survived by his wife Pat; sons and daughter-in-laws Kevin and Pam Chaffee of Batesville, Tim and Gerilyn Chaffee of St. Leon, Indiana, Jeff and Diane Chaffee of Morris, Kyle and Connie Chaffee of Batesville, Lindy Chaffee of Indianapolis; sisters Dodie LaBaw, Vera Martin, both of Lafayette, Indiana, Bonnie Coffman of Winchester, Indiana; brother Carl Chaffee of Shreveport, Louisiana; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by sisters Lucille Froelich, Bernice Hanns, Harriet Fassnacht and brother LaVerne Chaffee.

Visitation is Monday, April 6th, from 4 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services



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are 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 7th at St. Anthony's Church with Rev. John Geis officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by the Batesville V.F.W. and the Prell-Bland American Legion. The family requests memorials to the Batesville V.F.W. or St. Anthony's Cemetery Fund.



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BO

Br Norbert Of Cincinnati, Ohio posted:

Sorry to hear about the death of Richard. I will keep all of you in my prayers. See you at the funeral.

April 6 at 8:00 PM

SI

Shawnglaub Of Morris Indiana posted:

he was a great guy and I will miss him because he would make you laugh.

April 6 at 8:00 PM

J4

Joe & Janet Schutter Of Otterbein In 47970 posted:

Pat and family , we send you our sympathy.You are in our thoughts andprayers.God Bless

April 5 at 8:00 PM

JL

Jacob Henry Of West Lafayette, In posted:

It is with a heavy heart that we offer our prayers and condolences to the Chaffee family. May God comfort you in this time of pain and lift you up in this time of sorrow. Love Jacob and Jeannine HenryNephew of Kevin and Pam

April 4 at 8:00 PM

JA

John Martin Of Safford, Arizona posted:

My heart felt condolences to Aunt Pat, Kevin, Tim, Jeff, Kyle, and Lindy. It was always a pleasure to see Uncle Dick. I will miss him.

April 4 at 8:00 PM

SH

Steffanie Moorman Of Schuylkill Haven, Pa posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Lots of memories growing up with all of you. Having just lost both of my parents not long ago, I know what you are going through. Hold on to the good times that bring on the smiles instead of the tears.

April 4 at 8:00 PM



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MB

Melissa (Siefert) Barnett Of Myrtle Beach, Sc posted:

Sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

April 2 at 8:00 PM

BG

Bobbi J. Branson Of Greenfield, In posted:

I was heartbroken to read this morning of the passing of the greatest 5th grade teacher a kid could want. Imagine sharing letters, birthday and Christmas cards with your favorite teacher for 40 years. What a blessing! You'll always be loved and fondly remembered, Mr. Chaffee...

April 2 at 8:00 PM

LP

Larry Cummings Of Placentia, Ca posted:

Bonnie and Family, Again, my most heartfelt condolences to you, I know from experience how difficult it is to see our siblings depart this earth, we pray that we will see them in our future. Much love, Larry

April 2 at 8:00 PM

AO

Amber Chaffee Of Oxford, In posted:

Uncle Dick, I'm heartbroken to hear you've left us, but I know you've now been reunited with my grandpa and the rest of your family. I'll cherish our picture forever. I love you. Your Great-Niece Amber

April 2 at 8:00 PM

JB

Jon And Joan Mckamey Of Brookville, In posted:

We are very sorry for your loss and are praying for you all in this time of sorrow. We hope that you will find special meaning in the message of hope that Easter brings this year!

April 2 at 8:00 PM

TS

Tina Crowe (Moeller) Of Solsberry, In. posted:

Kevin and family, So sorry for your loss. I know how hard it is to let them go. Praying for your comfort at this time.

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Peg Neth Of United States posted:

Kevin and Pam....didn't know your father, but sorry for your loss at this time. Prayers sent to you all.

April 2 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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