



Richard Bryson

August 15, 1936 - April 18, 2020

VULCAN - Richard "Dick" Raymond Bryson passed away Saturday, April 18, 2020 at ManorCare in Kingsford, Mich., surrounded by his loving family.

Dick was born in Escanaba on Aug. 15 1936, the son of the late Lucille (Demars) and Raymond Bryson.

He attended St. Joseph's High School and graduated in 1954. He was drafted into the Army in December 1959 and was discharged in April 1962 after having served overseas in Korea.

Dick married the love of his life Margaret (Peggy) Munson on April 4, 1964, and together they raised four beautiful girls. He was employed as a foreman at Mead Paper for 30 years before he retired and built his retirement home at Hamilton Lakes.

Dick was an active member of St Barbara's Church in Vulcan. He also served on the Hamilton Lake Association, including some years as the president, Hamilton Lakes Watershed Committee and St. Vincent De Paul.

Dick enjoyed woodworking and had a workshop a master craftsman would love. Dick was always making things for loved ones including outdoor signs, jewelry boxes for all the ladies in his life, and Christmas gifts for his grandkids,

which have become cherished memories for them. His girls will miss their dad making them a perfect copy of a piece of furniture they requested with just a photo.

Dick had an enduring love for jazz music and has a collection of over 300 albums tucked away in his attic above his workshop. He always loved to tell the story of how he was on Rush Street in Chicago and got so close to Benny Goodman that he could see the spit running down his chin while he was playing. Most summer evenings he could be found sitting on his pontoon boat with his martini and listening to jazz music. His beloved pontoon boats are some of his most prized possessions starting with the first one he bought used, with pontoons made out of steel that he refurbished to its original glory. Many people enjoyed Captain Dick's boat and jumped off the roof when it was floating in the middle of the lake. Dick's family is deeply saddened that he will never see his favorite NFL team, the Detroit Lions, make it to the Super Bowl.

Dick is survived by his daughters Betsy Morley of Traverse City, Heidi (Todd) Teafoe, Holly (Rod) Lovell and Jessica (Greg) Stewart, all of Vulcan, Mich. Dick also has six grandchildren, Sam (fiancée Sara) Morley, Madelyn Morley, Brooke (fiancée Bryce) Teafoe, Abby Adcox, Sierra Gonzales and Bryson Gonzales, and seven step-grandchildren, Courtney (Brian) Krabbe, Cole (Skylar) Teafoe, Ashley (Travis) Mattson, Adam Stewart, and Dustin Lovell Michael (Stephanie) Lovell, and Trevor (Megan) Lovell. And 11 step-great grandchildren. Dick is also survived by his sisters Sharon (Dave) Rivard and Debbie (John) Clairmont, both of Escanaba.

Dick was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years Peggy, his son-in-law Daniel Morley and his parents Ray and Lou Bryson.

Dick's girls would like to thank ManorCare in Kingsford for the wonderful care and compassion of their father.

A private family visitation will occur at Ortman Funeral Home in Norway, MI.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 16 at 10 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis officiating.

Interment will follow at the Spalding Cemetery with Military Honors.

There will be a luncheon and a time for family to greet friends following the cemetery services at the Lake Mary Pavilion at Hamilton Lakes in Vulcan.

Cemetery Details

Spalding Cemetery

Spalding, MI 49886

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Barbara's Church
159 Mission Street
Vulcan, MI 49892

Tribute Wall



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Richard Bryson.*



June 15, 2020 at 07:39 AM



“ *Joan Tinti and Family purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Richard Bryson.*



Joan Tinti and Family - June 03, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ *Dear Jessica, Holly, Heidi, and Betsy, Condolences to you all on the loss of your dad. Some of our families best fun times were spent at Lake Louise with your family as our neighbors. The pontoon boat was high on the list of fond memories. But, even more precious was your mom and dad and you four girls and how you were so able to make a small part of our lakefront vibrate with a welcome to everyone!! Our fond memories of you all are still very vivid. God bless you all.*

Sincerely, Joan Tinti and family

Joan Tinti - June 03, 2020 at 02:53 PM

KG

“ Bryson Family-

I'm so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. He and your mom were a big part of my memories growing up at the lakes and they were always around so we didn't get into too much trouble. The only pontoon boat I've ever jumped off of! The campfire always burning. And I still cherish the red-lined jewelry box with feet that Jessica had her dad make me for my birthday one year :) Of course, I'll always remember your dad as Mr. Bryson, and he truly was a great dad. You all have him with you, and you are blessed.

With love, Kathy

Kathy St. Germain - April 26, 2020 at 12:14 AM

KC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Both of your parents were wonderful people and I was privileged to know them. Friendly, full of spirit and a zest for life. Cherish your memories girls.*

Kathleen Creten - April 24, 2020 at 04:46 PM

GL

“ *I worked with Dick at Mead Paper for many years. Back in the late 70's my wife and I spent the day with Dick and Peggy at their place on the lake. Loved going on the lake on his pontoon with the cabin on it. I was able to jump off that roof. Dick is back with his beautiful wife. RIP my friend!!!! 🙏🙏*

Gary & Becky Lehman - April 20, 2020 at 06:58 PM

MA

“ *Bryson Family -*

I am very sorry to hear about Dick's passing. He will be missed, but I am sure you have a lot of great memories. I think about him showing me how to use a table saw pretty much every time I use one!

Matt Anderson - April 20, 2020 at 02:51 PM

JG

“ *When ever I would go over to the Bryson's you could find Mr. Bryson grinding up his bologna and dill pickles in the kitchen for his sandwich's that he packed in his lunch box when heading off to work. With his big green thermos. Have fun memories of being at the lake for the twins birthday party when we were growing up. Mr. Bryson now you can be with Peggy. God bless you.*

jessica Goode - April 19, 2020 at 09:18 PM

CS

“ *Dick is such a great part of the wonderful memories we have of visiting the UP. He was the best and we won't ever forget him. Prayers for the family. Chris Slowik*

chris Slowik - April 19, 2020 at 07:38 PM