



Richard "Dick" Casey

August 28, 1934 - January 12, 2016

Richard "Dick" Casey, 81 of Aurora passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at Presence Mercy Center. He was born August 28, 1934 in Chicago but was raised in Springfield, Illinois with his loving mother, father and eight brothers and sisters. Dick attended Blessed Sacrament grade school and Cathedral High School. He went on to earn his degree in civil engineering at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. Upon graduation, he began his career with Mississippi Valley Structural Steel Company in Decatur, Illinois, which eventually brought his family to Aurora, Illinois. In 1994 he established the R.P. Casey Company that specialized in structural steel erection where he enjoyed collaborating on building structures large and small. He contributed to the industry by sitting on boards and committees for pension and benefit funds. But his greatest love was his family. He instilled the value of family in all of his children and he showered his love upon his twelve grandchildren. He was a good friend, loving father and grandfather. An Irishman through and through, he answered to many names, Dick, Uncle Dickey, Casey, Dad and Grandpa but his response was always a smile and a laugh. We will remember the joy and the laughter!

Survivors include his wife Minnie Gail Casey of Aurora; five children, Kathryn (Thomas) Jarecki of Aurora, Richard (Kathy) Casey of The Woodlands, TX, Gloria (Edward) Dollinger of Joliet, IL, Marilyn (Harry) McSteen of Channahon, IL and John (Amy) Casey of Sparta, NJ; twelve grandchildren Kate Jarecki, Thomas, Shane and Graham Casey, Matthew, Casey, and Nathan Dollinger,

Moira and Harry McSteen and Samantha, Megan, and Griffin Casey; two brothers Fr. Tom Casey S.J. of St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO and James (Betty) Casey of The Woodlands, TX; his sister Ann Cody of Glendale, MO and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Mary Kathryn (Lavin) Casey; four brothers Robert, Edward, Bernard and John and by his sister Margaret Hindman.

Funeral services will be Monday, January 18, 2016 from 9:30 am at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY to Holy Angels Church at 10:00 am. Fr. James Canova will officiate with interment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 17 from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm with a liturgical wake service at 5:30 pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St. Aurora, IL. 60506. (630) 631-5500.

Memorial contributions can be made to Rosary Fine Arts to benefit the fine arts program at Rosary High School, 901 N. Edgelawn Drive, Aurora, IL 60506.

Also, hotel information for our out of town guests is as follows;

The Hampton Inn & Suites, 2423 Bushwood Dr., Aurora, IL 60506; (630)907-2600.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
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<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Wake Service

JAN 17. 5:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JAN 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church
120 South Lancaster Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506

Burial

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Olivet Cemetery
278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Dick" Casey



Daleiden Mortuary - January 16, 2016 at 11:56 AM

AT

“ Ill ever forget his laugh.

Abi Thornton - March 19, 2016 at 06:49 AM

JA

“ Gail, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are out of state at this time but wanted to let you know how sorry we are for your loss. We used to run into Dick at the Phoenix Club and always enjoyed a laugh with him and "catching up" on all the family news. He will be missed. Tom and Judy Adams

judy Adams - January 21, 2016 at 10:53 PM

FW

“ We have only known Casey for a couple of years, through our mutual membership in the Phoenix Club. He was one of the first people to make us feel welcome. We always found him to be delightful and engaging. While others talk of their ailments and problems, Casey would have none of it. He preferred to talk sports or local and national issues, about which he was always informed. His beaming personality, sense of humor, and infectious laugh that always filled the room will be deeply missed.

Frank and Joan Wooley

Frank Wooley - January 18, 2016 at 08:37 AM

NS

“ My name is Norman Sandberg. I owned IMC Steel Erectors in Bettendorf, Iowa. Years ago I worked with Casey at Alcoa and John Deere plants When he was with Mississippi Valley Steel Erectors. The last 17 years we served on the Iron Workers Pension and SMA funds. I learned a lot from Casey, He would always take the time to share his knowledge and skills with me. He was a real asset to the Ironworking industry. The laugh has been silenced. He will be missed. Sincerely, Norman Sandberg

Norman Sandberg - January 17, 2016 at 01:44 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Casey.



January 16, 2016 at 11:10 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Casey.*



January 16, 2016 at 01:23 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Casey.*



January 16, 2016 at 10:58 AM



“ *The Aurora Contractors Group purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Richard "Dick" Casey.*



The Aurora Contractors Group - January 16, 2016 at 09:58 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Casey.*



January 16, 2016 at 07:50 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Casey.*



January 15, 2016 at 09:06 PM



“ *The Community Foundation of Will County purchased the Eternal Love for the family of Richard "Dick" Casey.*



The Community Foundation of Will County - January 15, 2016
at 03:32 PM



“ *I had the fortune of sharing a lunch with Dick and Gail at The Roundhouse in Naperville with Kathy Casey(daughter-in-law from Texas) a couple months ago. I am so glad I was able to spend some time with him. What a kind, gentle man, with a hearty laugh, and a great soul. He was a family man indeed, only talked about everybody in the family, and so proud of each member of his entire family. Prayers to the entire Casey family.
Chuck, Lynn, Aileen, and Andrew Reed*

Lynn Reed - January 15, 2016 at 12:34 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Casey.*



January 15, 2016 at 12:13 PM



“ *Our wishes of sympathy go to Dick's entire family. I'll forever be grateful for the opportunities I had to work for and learn from Dick back in the 1960s, and then to enjoy a continuing friendship up until the present. His sense of humor always lightened the hearts of others. We will miss seeing him but will hold our fond memories forever. Jim and Nancy Hopp*

Jim and Nancy Hopp - January 15, 2016 at 10:41 AM



“ *We so saddened by your loss of Grandpa Dick! All the kids remember his wonderful laugh and having him watch them dance over St. Patrick's Day. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May he rest in peace. ❤️*

The Engelhardt Family - January 14, 2016 at 07:14 PM

SD

“ Dick Casey was truly a very sweet kind man. He was one of my favorite uncles who was always very encouraging. I remember when I was about 14 years of age visiting his family one summer before I was old enough to have a job, and he asked me what I planned to do with my life. I cannot remember my answer but what I do remember was the twinkle in his eye and the supportive smile he gave me at my answer. His gentle countenance always made me feel at ease. May God bless him and his family. Susan Clough Dyer

susan clough dyer - January 14, 2016 at 05:00 PM

KM

“ The world will never be the same!!!!
Our hearts are saddened by his death. Dick was a warm, brilliant, energetic, funny, caring man.. Heaven sure wins on this one!!!!
Love and prayers to the Casey family.
O.J. and Kathi McNamee

Kathi McNamee - January 14, 2016 at 11:35 AM

JB

Our dear friend Casey. We will miss your love, laugh and smile. God bless you and thank you for your friendship

Joanie boldan - January 14, 2016 at 05:31 PM



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January 14, 2016 at 09:39 AM