



Richard Lee Yowell

July 11, 1928 - February 3, 2016

Richard Lee Yowell, 87, passed away on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at Hearthstone Health Campus, from complications following a stroke. He was born and raised in Schenectady, New York, where his father worked for the real estate division of General Electric.

Richard was also a career GE employee, working at the Mt Vernon, Indiana facility as a purchasing agent with their plastics group. He was instrumental in the start-up and initial operation of this newly constructed plant. Upon entering adulthood, Richard moved West for his schooling and earned his Bachelors of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Missouri in 1950. He also attended Wharton College, working on an advanced degree prior to receiving an employment offer from GE. His education continued while employed there, as he graduated from General Electric's 3 year manufacturing management program. Richard retired from GE in 1991 after a long and successful career, moving to Bloomington to enjoy his other life interests, which included golf, birds, and traveling.

He leaves a legacy of philanthropy in higher education and healthcare, 2 of his passions in improving the world around him. His legacy of kindness and generosity also left impressions upon all those around him as his thoughtfulness and love that he shared made him a "gentle-man" in the true sense. Richard was of strong faith, and was a member of Sherwood Oaks Christian church. He often spoke of his blessings in life and in particular the many kids and grandkids that "kept on a comin'" during his later years.

He is survived by his wife, Janet L. Waggoner of Bloomington, Indiana; sister Jean Y. Farrisee of Frankfort, Kentucky and her four children David Farrisee, Elizabeth Utz, Scott Farrisee, and Lynne Farner; cousins Shirley Brummett and Dorothy Mullendore of Missouri; step children Vicky Crowe of Bloomington, Indiana, Deanna Bauernfiend of Shoals, Indiana, Donetta Levron of Houma, Louisiana, Loran Dee Doane of Virginia, and Jackie Lee Doane of Bloomington, Indiana; along with 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Joan Holland Yowell of Schenectady, New York, parents Robert L. and Edna Mae Long Yowell of Schenectady, New York.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Monday, February 8, 2016 at Sherwood Oaks Christian Church. Interment will follow at Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals, Indiana. The family will receive friends from 3-6 p.m. Sunday at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old State Road 37 Bloomington, Indiana.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Service

FEB 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church
2700 E. Rogers
Bloomington, IN 47401

Tribute Wall



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Yowell.*



February 06, 2016 at 11:12 AM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Yowell.*



February 06, 2016 at 10:01 AM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Yowell.*



February 05, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Richard was always such a gentleman and I know he will be missed by all who knew him.*



Sue Gensemer - February 04, 2016 at 11:09 PM

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“ *Richard was one of the kindest, gentlest Men I have known in my life. His generosity and kind heart makes me miss him even more.*
Kenneth R. Griffin and Family

Kenneth R. Griffin - February 04, 2016 at 04:18 PM

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I'm sorry for your loss, I grew up working at a gas station in Mt. Vernon, took Dicky to work when we worked on his vehicle. He was one of the most kind and a true gentlemen I knew, Prayers with you all.

Steve Schroeder

Steve Schroeder - February 05, 2016 at 09:53 AM