



Richard Snyder Crothers

February 20, 1937 - May 20, 2024

Richard Snyder Crothers, a pillar of strength and kindness in his community, peacefully departed this life on May 20, 2024, at the age of 87. Born on February 20, 1937, in Washington, PA, to Gaylord and Pauline Carter Crothers. Richard's legacy is one of love, dedication, and service.

Richard was a 1955 graduate of Washington High School. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Darlene Smith Crothers, who stood by his side through life's joys and challenges. Together, they created a family filled with love and laughter. Richard leaves behind a legacy of devotion as a father to six children: Doug (Marilyn) Crothers of College Grove, TN; Jim (Linda) Crothers of Clarington, OH; Roger Crothers of Columbus, OH; Jill (Suzie) Crothers of Blythewood, SC; Christy (Dave) Thomas of Clarington, OH; and John (Katrenia) Crothers of Waverly, WV.

Richard's spirit will continue to shine brightly through his grandchildren: Stacy (John) Wallace, Natasha (Nate) Coiner, Monique (Zack) Williams, Nathan (Mallorie) Crothers, DJ (Megan) Thomas, Amber (Michael) Thomas, Justin (Carrie) Thomas, Erika (Charlie) Logston, Austin Moore, Jacie and Jacob Crothers. He also leaves behind eighteen great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews who will cherish his memory and carry his legacy forward with pride.

Preceded in death by his parents, brothers Harry C. (Phyllis) Crothers and Roy M. (Darla) Crothers; and a brother and sister who died in infancy. Also, best friends and in-laws, Kay (Clayton) Boltz.

Richard's commitment to his faith was unwavering. He was a lay church speaker at the age of 17 and followed it though till he was no longer able to see. As he was a dedicated member of St. Johns United Church of Christ but was active in other churches in Monroe County and the Pioneer Larger Parish. In his professional life, Richard was a stalwart of industry, retiring from IBM after 35 years of dedicated service. Yet, his entrepreneurial spirit truly flourished through helping others with general construction until his retirement with IBM and the start of Crothers Electric Inc. in 1994; a small business he owned and nurtured for an impressive 26 years. His dedication to his craft and his customers was unmatched, leaving an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him. Beyond his professional achievements, Richard was known for his adventurous spirit, his mischievous sense of humor, and his profound love for animals and the land. He approached life with a fearless determination, never shying away from taking risks or pulling a good-natured prank. His love for his family, his community, and the world around him was boundless, leaving an enduring legacy of joy and laughter in his wake.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 1:00 pm until time of service at 2:00 pm at St. Paul's United Church of Christ 303 S. Main Street Woodsfield, OH to honor his memory and the profound impact he had on those around him with Rev. Kirk Bruce officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Parkinson's Research, American Cancer Society, or any children's help group of your choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home Clarington, OH.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
303 S. Main Street
Woodsfield, OH 43793

Memorial Service

JUL 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ My deepest sympathy to the Crothers’ family in the passing of Dick. I remember Dick from his working for IBM. He was a prankster. He knew what buttons to push to make the computer look like it was going crash, but it did not. He was a great guy and gentleman. He will be missed by everyone who had the opportunity to know. Thoughts and prayers to his family. Cherish all your memories.



Sue Blevins - July 19, 2024 at 07:37 PM

BF

“ Honestly, integrity, loyalty, and friendship, plus his happy smile are just a few of the ways we'll remember Dick. He was just a wonderful person. We remember him all the way back to the IBM days. His awesome presence will be missed by many. May God bless and rest his soul. May your heavy hearts find comfort in your forever memories of one so profound.

Bob & Rose Frasnelli - May 23, 2024 at 03:40 PM

LW

“ Richard was a great guy!! I met him my first day of work at north American coal over 50 years ago. Attended church with him and Darlene and family. Much love and sympathy to Darlene and family and friends.

Linda Wade - May 23, 2024 at 11:45 AM

BW

“ To all of Dick’s family,
We loved your dad for his friendly, conscientious work ethic. He was
always so helpful and right there when we needed him at the
Presbyterian Church. God be with you all as you lay your dear one
to rest. Love, Bart & Joyce

Bart & Joyce Wiggins - May 23, 2024 at 07:25 AM