

Richard M. "Dick" Thatcher

December 11, 1937 - October 13, 2018

Richard M. "Dick" Thatcher, age 80 of Dublin, Ohio, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ surrounded by loving family on Saturday, October 13, 2018. He was born in Dayton, Ohio on December 11, 1937 to Samuel and Bertha Thatcher. He grew up on their family farm in Bellefontaine, Ohio. Dick received his BS in Education from Ashland University. He taught history, Phys Ed, coached basketball, baseball, and football, impacting the lives of many middle and high school students. He later served his students and their families as a guidance counselor after receiving his MA in Psychology and Guidance Counseling from Ball State University. After 17 years of teaching and coaching, he began working for Jostens selling imprinted sportswear throughout the state of Ohio and distinguished himself as one of their top salesman. Dick was an entrepreneur, an adventurer, and a mentor to many. He was a much loved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He loved sports, he loved people and he loved life. He was a man of faith and served at Meadow Park Church for over 30 years as a greeter, usher, softball coach, Sunday School teacher, Men's Ministry leader and the Powell Campus Launch Team. In all ways to all people Dick was known for his generosity of spirit and resources. He never met a stranger and he was always ready and willing to help someone in need. As much as Dick loved all people nothing could compare to his love for his family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Bertha Thatcher; father and mother-in-law, William and Cheryl Dotson; sisters-in-law, Denise Dotson and Donna Baldt;

and granddaughter, Sarah Ruth Butler. He is survived by his wife, Diane (Dotson)Thatcher; children, Barbara (Randy) Butler, and Greg (Janet) Thatcher; brother, Jim (Beth) Thatcher; grandchildren, Amanda (Todd) Hartman, Whitney (Corey) Nickerson, Joshua (Emilie) Butler, Kevin (Morgan) Butler, Mary Kate Thatcher, Samuel Thatcher, and Joseph Thatcher; great-grandchildren, Westin and Landen Hartman, Mayah Butler, Everly Nickerson and Jinora Butler; brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill (Cindy) Dotson, Jim (Beth) Dotson, Tom Baldt, John (Gina) Dotson, and Dorothy (Mike) Moser; many nieces, nephews, and family of the heart. Friends may call Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 2-4PM and 6-8PM at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 W. Olentangy St. Powell, OH 43065. Funeral service will be held Friday, October 26, 2018 at 11AM at Meadow Park Church of God; 2425 Bethel Rd. Columbus, OH 43220. Pastor Mark Krenz, officiating. Inurnment Saturday, October 27 in Akron, Ohio. Donations may be made to Meadow Park Church or Ohio Health Hospice. To leave a condolence for the family visit www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Calling Hours

OCT **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

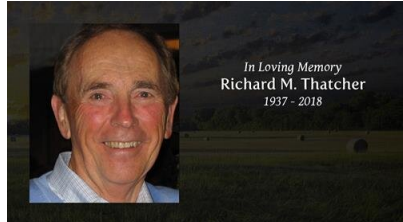
OCT **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Meadowpark Church of God
2425 Bethel Road
Columbus, OH 43220

Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard M. "Dick" Thatcher*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - October 24, 2018 at 02:26 PM



“ *Richard M. "Dick" Thatcher*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Dick" Thatcher.*



October 26, 2018 at 06:10 AM

AB

“ Dick and Diane have been wonderful neighbors, and we will miss him greatly. Our sympathies go out to Diane and the entire family. Any time spent in Dick's presence over the years left you feeling uplifted and encouraged! We enjoyed getting to see the tribute video you made . . . it was obvious that Dick dearly loved and was loved by his family. What a legacy he leaves. We are praying for you all during these difficult days. May you be comforted by Jesus' words in John 14:19 - "...because I live, you will live also."

Andy & Cheryl Boyer - October 25, 2018 at 12:39 PM

DT

Thank you so much Andy and Cheryl. You were so helpful through these past months- we are forever grateful.

Diane Thatcher - October 29, 2018 at 09:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Dick" Thatcher.*



October 25, 2018 at 08:51 AM

LK

“ *Dick was a teacher of mine (Gary Hawk's twin sister). Dick was also a friend of our family so we saw him quite a bit and had lots of fun. Dick also taught me how to back up in a parking space for my drivers license. I will always have fond memories of Dick. You have my deepest sympathy. I know what it feels like to lose your husband my husband died almost 6 years ago from agent orange in Vietnam. Prayers for you.*

Linda Krintzline - October 24, 2018 at 11:00 AM

DT

Thank you so much for your kind words. I am sorry for your loss. I appreciate your prayers so much.

Diane Thatcher - October 29, 2018 at 09:26 AM

RB

“*My condolences to Dick’s family. Mr. Thatcher was one of my friends, coach, and teacher. I last saw him in my home town. We talked for a long time and he said some very nice things that I will remember forever. I have the utmost respect for him. That was the type man he was. RIP Mr. Thatcher.*”

Rodger Baker - October 19, 2018 at 07:12 PM

DT

Thank you Rodger.

Diane Thatcher - October 29, 2018 at 09:26 AM

BH

“*Dick was one of my teachers, my basketball, baseball, and track coach and also the best man at our wedding over 41 years ago. We also painted a couple of summers together with my dad. I remember the very first time I met Dick at the Lewis’ house on their basketball court as we played a game of basketball. He was just out of college and Republic was his first job teaching and coaching. I last saw him on August 15th of this year and we had a short visit in Dublin, Ohio. I will miss him very much.*”

Becky and Gary Hawk - October 19, 2018 at 06:13 PM

DT

Thank you. We enjoyed your visit with us very much. He is much loved.

Diane Thatcher - October 29, 2018 at 09:28 AM



“ *I played for Coach Thatcher in baseball and basketball at Republic. And without a doubt he was the best coach I ever played for. He was a great man!*
Roy Bohlin

Roy Bohlin - October 19, 2018 at 04:05 PM

DT

Thank you Roy.

Diane Thatcher - October 29, 2018 at 09:29 AM

RZ

“ *So sorry to read of the passing of Dick. We were fellow students at AU in the early sixties. The person described in the obituary is the same person I knew in 1960. A nice guy! May you be comfort in the good memories you shared.*

Rex Zent - October 18, 2018 at 10:13 PM

DT

Thank you Rex.

Diane Thatcher - October 29, 2018 at 09:29 AM