



Richard L. Isbell

June 9, 1924 - December 3, 2009

Isbell, Richard, L. Age 85. December 3, 2009.

Beloved husband of the late Shirley. Proud father of Kate Tom Heisey, Barbara Hal Mayer, Nancy the late John Whaley, Elaine Ray Smith, Clare Leigh Rodney, Paul Linda, Margaret, Mary Steve Grunis and the late John. Father-in-Law of Gloria. Dear brother of the late Arthur, Eugene and Vernon. Loving grandfather of 17 and great-grandfather of 13. Mr. Isbell retired from the GM Tech Center in his early 70's. He formerly taught at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. Visitation on Monday 4:00 – 8:00 pm and Tuesday 1:00 – 8:00 pm. With Rosary at 6:00 pm. Funeral Mass Thursday 10:30 am, St. Sylvester Catholic Church, Warren, MI. Memorial donations may be made to Toys for Tots or St. Sylvester church. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

PI

“Dad, I remember going fishing with you when I was just a little kid and how you snuck behind me to capture me while I was concentrating on catching a fish. I remember the picture you took of me and how I didn't know you had taken it until I was grown with a family of my own. I love and miss you every day Please give mom a hug and kiss for me.
Paul



Paul Isbell - July 21, 2020 at 03:37 PM

LL

“Dick Isbell has been one of the best teachers I ever had – to this day I still correct myself based on his many teachings of discipline and attention to detail. I think, “That wouldn't pass in Dick Isbell's class...” The kind, gentle nature of his teaching is still rarely matched in the 25 years since I first met him & worked at CIA. Even when he was tough, he wasn't demeaning – I still knew he simply wanted me to be the best I could be. I'm sure he inspired hundreds of people that way. Dick was fortunate to be loved by so many. I will continue to think of him often.

Lydia Porter Latocki - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

OH

“Dick Isbell was my teacher at the Center for Creative Studies in the early 1980s. He was a brilliant type designer, a wonderful teacher, and an inspiring man. I have benefitted from his teaching throughout my career, and I am glad to have known him.

Oliver Hoffmann - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dick was one of the true masters of fine typography - teaching us so much and leaving behind such such a wonderful legacy of truly delightful letterforms for all to enjoy. Take a look today and remember his visual grace. Thanks Mr Isbell.

Jon Duff - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ Grandpa, I have so many memories of you and grandma from when I was a child. ...The house in Birmingham, which I think of every time I see a Harry Potter movie you lived at Hogwarts! ...The house in Troy - where I spent many, many hours playing bumper pool downstairs and peeking through the small window into your studio. I remember holiday visits, watching the Lions football games on the TV even though I am a Green Bay fan, and sitting at the 'kids' table in the kitchen until I finally got the coveted invite to the dining room. You gave me my first nickname - Ricker - which people still occasionally come up with and they think that they are so clever. It always makes me think of you. You always had great stories to tell and could go on for hours. I didn't have the best attention span for listening but you sure enjoyed telling them. You have touched many lives and will be greatly missed by all. Love, Ricker Blessed Are Those Who Die In the Lord: Revelation 14:13

Richard C Isbell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ From the first time I met Dick he told me about his wonderful family, all these great children and Shirley the "love of his life". I was so taken with his paintings, each a masterpiece. At his age he still had the attention to detail. I am a WTCFA's member and got to know him there at the center. When we would go and have lunch he would continue to paint. He would often turn his hearing aids down I am sure to keep out all the chatter that went on. When he felt he had a moment he would show us pictures of his family, and his beloved Shirley, who he is spending Christmas with this year. God Bless You all.

Ann Dorazio - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Grandpa, I just wanted to tell you that I Love You! And that I thank you for all the stories you told me over the years! Like how you met grandma and you knew that you were going to marry her! And for all the birthday cards you gave me and my hippo one you gave me when I was 31 I still have it- I'll always remember the times up at the cottage and we would go fishing. I remember the day I out fished you and you said you let me win, And ALL the Tiger games at Tiger Stadium I'll never forget the one we left early at and the Tigers came back to win and how I was so upset because I said they would come back to win Thank You also for treating me like I was from Michigan and Not New York! And I also want to thank you for being a fan of mine when I was on the radio - I hope I made you proud. And Please tell Grandma I Love her and I Miss her. Love the 4th Grandchild Born - Robb

Robb Heisey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ Kathy, Tom, Robb & Family, So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all.

Michelle & Anthony Zupa - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Nancie & family - We are so very sorry to hear of your father's passing. It was always a joy to talk with him at church and the various functions such as teh Fish Fry and Festival. May God grant him eternal life in His kingdom of heaven!

George & Sue - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Dick. Although we never met, I enjoyed our many phone conversations. I will miss talking with him, and sorry that I never had the chance to meet him. My thoughts and prayers to his family.

Mary Ball - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TE

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DZ

“ *Kathy, I was so sorry to hear of your father's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God wrap his heavenly arms around all of you at this time. God bless you. Donna Bell*

Donna Bell Zimmer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Dad, I love you and miss you. There wasn't a day that went by that I didn't think of you. Margaret*

Margaret - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Kate and family, My heart goes out to you as you go through this process of saying goodbye but only for now to your dad. I remember some of the stories you've told us, Kate, and I know how great a man he was, and how beloved.*

Libby Hanlon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Dad, you are always in my heart. I love you. Kate*

Kate Heisey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Dear Kate and family: My sincerest sympathy on the loss of your beloved father. Cheryl Aikens*

Cheryl Aikens - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MU

“ Dearest Kate, Nan, and family, Although no words can help ease the loss you bear, please know that you are all in my thoughts.
Much love, Michelle U.

Michelle Uebrueck - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Dick Isbell I admired for many years as he was by LeaderBoss for my years employed by Geo. Willens Typographers. This was my first job and it was he who gave me the chance. I thank him to this day. Sad that time & age separate us. I will miss him....

Thomas Wilder - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ My sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Richard. I was honored to know Richard and share his company at many Marine Corps League meetings. He will be missed. Semper Fidelis Richard Dave Wojta Commandant Cpl Stanley L. Moore Detachment Marine Corps League

Dave Wojta - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JI

“ Farewell Jim, we will miss you.

Jim - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Our condolences on the loss of your father.

Edwin Klemmer Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *I am proud to have served with you in the Marine Corps League...your friendship and salty sea stories were a special gift to me and fellow Marines. A long time ago your adopted country called for your service and you answered that call with dignity...now you have been called again...this time by the Supreme Commandant and I am confident that you will exemplify the Marine Can-Do spirit. We were blessed to have known you. Semper Fi!*

Tim McGee - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM