



## Richard "Dick" Joseph Tschirhart

September 21, 1940 - July 26, 2017

Richard (Dick) Joseph Tschirhart Sr., 76, of Berkley, Michigan, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on July 26, 2017. Beloved husband of Beatrice (Puvalowski). Loving father of David (Michelle), Michael (Amy), Stephen (Anna), Susan (Matthew Breda) Lilly, and Richard Jr. (Lacey). Cherished brother of Kay Sweeney. Proud grandfather of Harrison, Catherine and Gabrielle Lilly, Allison, Tilly and Lucy Breda, Hannah, Emily and Benjamin Tschirhart, Samuel and Sophia Tschirhart, and Madeleine and Nicholas Tschirhart. Preceded in death by his parents Herbert and Frances (Heilig) Tschirhart.

Born in Ruth, Michigan on September 21, 1940, Richard graduated from Sts. Peter and Paul High School in Ruth, Michigan, class of 1958. Upon graduation, Richard joined the Navy and served four years in the Seabees Construction Battalion in Guam, Saipan and Alaska. He received his Bachelors of Business Administration from the University of Detroit and pursued a lifelong career in the insurance industry. At the same time he was pursuing his career in insurance, Richard proudly served his country as a reservist in the US Navy from 1978-1997, including an overseas deployment during Desert Storm.

Richard was an avid and dedicated volunteer making a difference in many organizations. As a member of the congregation of the National Shrine of the

Little Flower Basilica, he served on the Shrine Stewardship Committee, as a member of the Parish Council, and was an usher at the Saturday, 6:30 mass for many years.

Richard was a Charter and Third Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 12408, National Shrine of the Little Flower and former State District Deputy for the Knights of Columbus. He was a Fourth Degree Color Corp Member of the Bishop Gallagher Assembly, Clawson, Michigan and he was the VAVS (Veterans Administration Volunteer Services) Representative at the John Dingell VA Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.

Richard was an active member of the Navy League, serving as the Retention Officer and was a member of the American Legion Berkley Post 374, serving as the Deputy VAVS Rep for the American Legion at the John Dingell VA Hospital. He was also a member of the American Red Cross Blood Services Board, Southeast Michigan.

Visitation will be held Friday, July 28 from 2-8:30 pm with Scripture Service at 7 pm at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan 48067. The funeral mass will be held at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 W. 12 Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan 48073 on Saturday, July 29, in state at 9:30 am, Mass at 10 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Wounded & Returning Warrior Program <http://www.michiganlegion.org/michigan-wounded.html>. View obituary and share memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 28. 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Scripture Service

JUL 28. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

JUL 29. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica  
2100 W. 12 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

## Committal Service

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AUG 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery  
4200 Belford Road  
Holly Township, MI 48442

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ *To Bea and family with kindness regards,  
I have many fond memories of our childhood together as well as  
having been a classmate and in later years a "Lunch Buddy".*

*I will miss a good friend,  
Mike Weber*

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**Mike Weber** - August 03, 2017 at 12:56 PM

BG

“ *Dear Bea and family. So very sorry for your loss. Keeping everyone  
in our prayers.*

*Brian Gilbertson*

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**Brian Gilbertson** - July 29, 2017 at 03:45 PM

CB

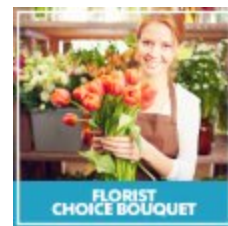
“ *So sorry to hear of your loss.  
Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family at this difficult time.  
Fondly remembering all our Equitable get together we were like a  
little family back then.  
Steve and Cheryl Blatnik.*

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**Cheryl Blatnik** - July 29, 2017 at 10:57 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Richard "Dick" Joseph Tschirhart.*



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July 28, 2017 at 05:11 PM

FL

“ *Fran Lewis lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Joseph Tschirhart*



Fran Lewis - July 28, 2017 at 12:32 PM

FL

*Dear Bea and family, So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He was a great cousin to me. Always a smile and a jokester. My prayers go out to all of you. God speed and Love*

Fran Lewis - July 28, 2017 at 12:39 PM

SC

“ *Scott, Ashley, and Oliver Crowley purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard "Dick" Joseph Tschirhart.*



Scott, Ashley, and Oliver Crowley - July 28, 2017 at 11:36 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Joseph Tschirhart.*



July 28, 2017 at 08:29 AM

DM

“ *Beatrice & Family:  
Forwarding my deepest sympathy through  
this difficult time for the loss of your husband,  
Father & Grandfather. My thoughts & prayers  
are with all of you. Take Care! With Love,  
Darlene (Puvalowski) Moore.*



**Darlene (Puvalowski) Moore** - July 27, 2017 at 09:31 PM

MM

“ *Marsha&Skip,  
Marykay&Mark,Diane&Leon,Chuck&Lynda, &  
Michelle purchased the Emerald Garden Basket  
for the family of Richard "Dick" Joseph Tschirhart.*



**Marsha&Skip, Marykay&Mark,Diane&Leon,Chuck&Lynda, &  
Michelle** - July 27, 2017 at 12:31 PM

AK

“ *All our Love, Nick, Kristen, Chuck, and Kiki  
purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the  
family of Richard "Dick" Joseph Tschirhart.*



**All our Love, Nick, Kristen, Chuck, and Kiki** - July 27, 2017 at  
09:07 AM