



## Jack B. Richards

January 8, 1935 - August 14, 2020

Dodgeville – Jack Bernard Richards, age 85, went to be with the Lord in his inherited heavenly home on Friday, August 14, 2020 at 5:47 a.m. Jack was born on January 8, 1935 to Thomas Howard Richards and Arlene (Udstad) Richards in Aurora, IL.

Jack graduated from East Aurora High School in 1953. He served 2 years in the Naval Reserve while in High School; and upon graduation, he served 2 years active duty, and on the USS Pickett, stationed in San Francisco, CA, for his final year of active duty. Jack was incredibly proud of his service for our country. Jack served as Chaplain aboard the Pickett, as he had aspirations of becoming a minister.

Upon discharge from the Navy, Jack joined his brother, Owen, in owning and operating a hobby shop. As children, Jack and his brother built and flew model airplanes and were involved in a model airplane club. Jack later worked as an apprentice millwright, completing a 4 year apprenticeship in 2 years. Shortly after completion of the apprenticeship, he purchased his own cabinet shop, naming it Superior Cabinets.

In 1957, he married his sweetheart and beloved wife of 63 years, Sandra Jean Wehrs. In 1966 they moved to Wisconsin where he added home construction to his cabinetry skills. The combined businesses became Superior

Enterprises. Not one to sit still for any stretch of time, as many knew Jack to be, another endeavor; carpet cleaning was added in 1968. So, Stay New Carpet Cleaners was created.

In 1984 Jack began teaching construction at Southwest Vocational Technical Institute, where he spent several years teaching his many millwork/construction skills. He also sold life insurance for years, winning several awards.

Jack, a heart of gold, and always wanting to help others, became involved in Self-Help Housing following the devastation of Barneveld, WI by the tornado of 1984. Jack served as project manager for the countless Self-Help Housing projects in Iowa County. He dedicated a great deal of his time to Habitat for Humanity over the years from his charitable heart; and upon his "retirement", which never actually took place, Jack began driving school bus for the Dodgeville School System in 2000. Named Bus Driver of the Year many times over, Jack loved his time behind the wheel. He stopped driving bus in 2006.

For enjoyment, Jack bowled for nearly his entire married life. Wednesday Bowling League in Dodgeville was a weekly activity Jack seldom missed, and where he made so many dear friends. Jack was also very involved in his Church, Faith Fellowship Church in Dodgeville, dedicating many years of service to church cleaning, remodeling, attendance, ushering, Awana Group, men's bible study, and worship. His heart was the Lord's, and he always wanted to tell people about saving faith in Jesus. He attended Promise Keepers Men's Bible Conferences with his sons, and his church. He loved his family beyond measure and spent his last years sharing stories of his past, lighting up a room with his laughter during a game of Farkle or cards, and never lost his sense of humor.

Jack is survived by his wife, Sandra; his children Kent David Richards

(Cristina), Debra Jean Richards, Michael Paul Richards (Dani) and Melissa Christine LeVine (Charles H. Jr.); his uncle, Donald Udstad (Jean); 7 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; 1 grandson-in-law; 5 step-grandchildren; 1 niece; 2 nephews; 1 daughter-in-love, Cheryl Richards.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents; brother Owen; his grandson, James Cody Richards (Debra) and his nephew, Judson Richards.

A Memorial of God's Faithfulness at FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH in Dodgeville will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. The Service will be followed by Military Graveside Rites accorded by the Dodgeville Area Veterans and the Patriot Guard Riders Honor Guard (organized by dear friend, John Curran). Pastor Alex Ruggieri will officiate. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. until time of services on Tuesday at FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH in Dodgeville.

Due to Wisconsin's public health mandate, masks are to be worn during the duration of your visit inside of the church and that you practice proper social distancing guidelines.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The American Bible Society or the Parkinson's Disease Assoc.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 18. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Faith Fellowship Church  
412 W. Spring Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533

## Memorial Service

AUG 18. 3:00 PM (CT)

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## Military Graveside Rites

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jack B. Richards*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *I just found out that Jack had passed away. I work at Potterton Rule and when he used to come in he would always say, how are you today young lady. He'd always have a big smile for me and kind words. He will be sorely missed. Such a great guy. I am so sorry for your loss.*

**Amanda** - September 16, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Jack was one of my bus drivers when I was a kid and to my surprise he remembered me as an adult. He was a nice man. My thoughts are with his family.*



**Tracy Breaker** - August 27, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ *Deb Richards lit a candle in memory of Jack B. Richards*



**Deb Richards** - August 25, 2020 at 11:09 PM

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“ *Melissa LeVine lit a candle in memory of Jack B. Richards*



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**Melissa LeVine** - August 24, 2020 at 08:58 PM

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“ *Deb & family; We are so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a great guy and an inspiration to many. He will for sure, be missed!*

*John & Diane Hermanson*

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**Diane Hermanson** - August 18, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jack B. Richards.*



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August 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jack B. Richards.*



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August 17, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack B. Richards.*



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August 17, 2020 at 10:08 AM



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August 14, 2020 at 09:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack B. Richards.*



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August 14, 2020 at 06:06 PM