



Richard Russell Crumback

April 26, 1929 - April 28, 2019

Richard "Rich" Crumback, 90, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on April 28, 2019, being reunited with his beloved wife Betty of 63 years. Rich born and grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan attending Godwin High School where he played basketball and baseball. After graduation, he proudly served his country in the army during the Korean War. Rich's lifelong career has been in the automobile business where he started sweeping floors to eventually becoming an auto dealer for over 50 years. Baseball has always been one of his biggest passions. He was an avid Detroit Tiger fan, coached and managed a Stan Musial team for decades, and also served in many capacities within the National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF). While summers were spent at the baseball park, fall was spent gearing up for the annual hunting trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. At the deer camp, the Woodtic, he spent time with close friends and family creating memories that he treasured. He was a proud parent and grandparent, instilling high standards and values. He always looked forward to family traditions and celebrations. Anybody who knew him would hear great stories, listen to his Eddy Arnold music, and enjoy his photography. We shall carry on his lessons of life, love, and strength. He is survived by his children, Jane (Jim) Childers, Mary Schalliol, Russell (DeAnna) Crumback, all of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Scott (Ashina Singh) Childers, David (Amanda) Childers, Rachel (Matt) Costantino, Kelli Crumback, Claire (Ryan) Janas, Emma Crumback, Dennis (Denise) Schalliol and Tony (Michelle) Schalliol; great-grandchildren Samuel Childers, Eleanor Childers, and James Childers; and cherished nephews, nieces, friends, and grand dogs. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty in 2015; parents, Russell and Margaret (Brower) Crumback; sisters, Ellen Doyle and Alice Walford; son-in-law, Denny Schalliol. Funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Harper's Community Funeral Home, 740 State Road 930 East, New Haven. Pastor Kris McPherson officiating. Visitation is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials may be made to The National Amateur Baseball Federation / NABF Scholarship Fund - P.O. Box 705, Bowie, MD 20718-0705. The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at the Cedars and Heartland Hospice for their compassionate care of our dad and grandpa. To share online condolences, go to www.harperfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Highland Park Cemetery

2403 E. Wallen Rd

Fort Wayne, IN, 46825

Events

MAY **Public Viewing** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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MAY **Public Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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MAY **Funeral Service** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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Comments



“ I have known Dick for many years and led the effort to get him elected into the NEIBA Hall of Fame in 2008. He also served as a member of the NEIBA Board of Directors for the last several years. His love and support of the great game of baseball was second to none. He will be sorely missed.

Don F. Graham
NEIBA Secretary & Board of
Directors Member (Retired)

Don F. Graham - May 18, 2019 at 01:41 PM



“ Russ and family you have our deepest sympathy.

We bought our first new Chevy from Richard in 1977. It was a black K-5 Blazer. Over the years each time we took delivery of our new Chevy he always personally thanked us for our business before we walked out the front door to see it. That meant a lot to us. He was a very humble man with a wonderful personality. Loved to hear his stories about the deer up in Michigan. He will be missed.

Roger and Jean Benzinger

Roger and Jean Benzinger - May 03, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ I was fortunate to spend time as a teenager and young man with Richard at Wood Tic hunt camp starting in 1964. He was a great guy and a leader among men. His character and integrity are something for all to recognize and emulate. We will all miss you Rich.

Richard & Karen Parquette - May 03, 2019 at 07:42 AM



“ Indiana Tech Baseball, Kip McWilliams purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Richard "Rich" Russell Crumback.



Indiana Tech Baseball, Kip McWilliams - May 03, 2019 at 07:36 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Russell Crumback.



May 02, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ Ben Davis Chevrolet & Ford purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Richard "Rich" Russell Crumback.

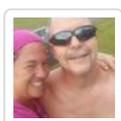


Ben Davis Chevrolet & Ford - May 02, 2019 at 08:12 AM



“ Coach was an inspiration to all the players he ever coached. He will be missed!
Condolences to the Crumback family..
Gary Huffman

GARY HUFFMAN - May 01, 2019 at 10:18 PM



“ I worked for Mr Crumback for 28 years. Was a great person to work for and always thought of him as more than just the owner. Was also a friend. Will miss him.

Jeff - May 02, 2019 at 07:54 PM



“ Russ, Greg and I were so sorry to hear of your Dad’s passing. He was such a kind and loving man, and honestly, one of the wisest people I’ve ever known! Your family will continue to be in our prayers!
Much love ~Bonnie Simmons



Bonnie Simmons - May 01, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ Russ and family. you are in our thoughts and prayers. Tony has talked about his great work ethics often. Prayers!

Linda and Gale Linnemeier

Linda Linnemeier - May 01, 2019 at 08:45 AM



“ Tom and I would like to send our Sympathy and Prayers to the Crumback family on their loss. Tom purchased his first Chev. Pick Up from him in 1972 shortly after he opened the Dealership. And many more after that. After that Tom considered him a good friend for life. Tom had so much respect for Mr. Crumback and would enjoy stopping by the dealership and sitting and talking with him enjoying his many stories. We all will miss him.

Tom and Rita Marcotte

Tom Marcotte - May 01, 2019 at 06:28 AM



“ I have always appreciated "Dick" Crumback not only for his honesty when selling you a vehicle but his love of baseball. Crumback's sponsorship of Stan Musial baseball teams is legendary. Always a gentleman on and off the field of play. His Chevrolet dealership is second to none. His sales reps all have his friendly demeanor and honesty. That is why I purchase my vehicles from them. I will miss my friend very much! I know he is resting in the arms of our Lord.

Dennis Schebig - April 30, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ Such a sweet, kind gentlemen. Have been going to Crumback Chevrolet for years and always enjoyed seeing him. He always remembered you. We are sorry for your loss, sending you sympathy and keeping you in our prayers and thoughts. May the wonderful memories always stay with you.

Russ and Cheryl Wolfe

Russ and Cheryl Wolfe - April 30, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ My father, Homer Harper, counted Mr. Crumback as a friend, and fellow New Haven business neighbor on Hwy 30 E. I remember going with my dad to the dealership in 2003 to purchase a new Chevrolet. The warmth of their conversation was genuine and heartfelt. My condolences to the Crumback family on the loss of their father and grandfather.

Kristine Harper Bowers

Kristine Harper Bowers - April 30, 2019 at 02:53 PM