



# Mr. Richard P. Davies Sr.

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**M**r. Richard P. Davies, Sr., age 76, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, November 2, 2013 at his home. He was born December 2, 1936 to Harold T. and Germaine (Truax) Davies in Reedsburg, WI and lived in the Muskegon area for over thirty years. He was a graduate of the U. of W. Madison, WI with a B.S. in Political Science, and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Dick worked as a writer and journalist throughout his career, with articles published in JAMA, World Book, the Chicago Tribune, and most noteworthy at the Muskegon Chronicle for the last decades of his career. He is survived by 2 children, Rick (Jane Sytek) Davies of Bloomington, Cindy (Dave Juhnke) Davies of Minneapolis; 3 granddaughters, Lara (Paul) Oberlin, Katie Rudd, Cassie Juhnke; 2 great-grandchildren, Willow and Ginger VanAntwerp. Dick was preceded in death by a son, Doug Davies in 2013. A celebration of his life will be held Friday, November 8, 2013, at 1:00 PM at The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc., 737 Apple Ave., Muskegon, 49442, (231 726-5210. A time of gathering with the family will be 1 hour prior to the service. You may visit the family's online guestbook at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)



## Events

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### Memorial Visitation

 **Friday**, November 8, 2013

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Sytsema Chapel**

737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon MI 49442



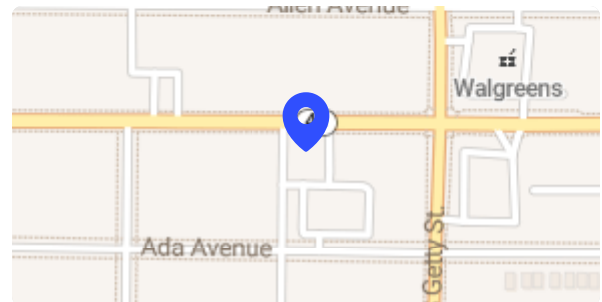
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MS

**Mary Strohbusch** posted:

To Rick, Cindy and Family: Dick Davies became my friend in 1959. Dick and Bill, my late husband, were school mates graduating from Jefferson HS in 1954. Both of them served a three year stint in the Military after graduation and both of them married girls they met while in service. Bill married me, a Spanish girl from Dallas, while Dick married Marge, a girl from Boston. The four of us shared a lifetime of memories. I helped Dick with his Spanish courses when he attended college and he helped me with writing up my ads when I ran for City Treasurer in Jefferson way back when. My husband, Bill, died in April, 2002 and I have continued my friendship with both Dick and Marge all these years. I would like to thank Dick for the gift he left all of us. Without lecturing and by example only, Dick taught us all to never speak ill of anyone because HE NEVER DID!! If all of us could incorporate that lovely habit into our daily lives we could transform the world! Thanks for the gift, Dick! The last time I spoke with Dick on the phone was when his son, Doug, passed. His last words to me were "I love you" to which I replied, "I love you back."

November 13 at 12:29 PM

RM

**Roger Morgenstern** posted:

To Dick's family: I worked at the chronicle from 1989 to 99, and can only echo Dave Alexander's comments. Dick was a great writer, proofer and incredibly good on tight deadlines...and a great person to have around the newsroom and at other important social times, like "Bud Wednesdays." I am sorry to have been out of town on Friday but pleased to hear the day ended at one of Dick's "haunts." He wouldn't have wanted it any other way. Roger Morgenstern

November 11 at 12:48 PM

LS

**Lisa Skidmore** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Rick- Sorry to hear about your Dad. Lisa Skidmore

November 11 at 11:00 AM



TS

**Tanya Shawcroft** posted:

To Rick, Cindy and families, We are heartbroken to hear of Dick's untimely death. He was so vibrant in life. I remember meeting up in Wyeville years ago and he would frequently have his bike and be off to ride the Elroy-Sparta bike trail. Always on the go. And he had such a hearty laugh - always enjoyed a good joke. In fact, he just emailed us a cute "Wisconsin Jazz Festival" joke with the audience all attentive cows. He always came up with some good ones. We will miss our cousin! Know that our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Love to you all. Tanya (Truax) Shawcroft and family.

November 7 at 4:11 PM



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MC

**Mike Clancy** posted:

What a great guy. When I worked with him in Muskegon in the late '70s, we used to have epic cross-country ski parties based at his house. We'd ski north to who remembers where, get a beer, ski back and eat chili (and drink more beer). Besides being a fun guy to party with, he also was always kind and helpful to a young editor, me. RIP, Dick.

November 7 at 1:03 PM

TH

**Trish Hackney** posted:

I would like to express my condolences to Dick's family. Dick had the ability to entertain the entire room. He was definitely a character. I will miss our conversations. I will raise a glass of chardonnay tomorrow in his memory. Sincerely, Trish Hackney and family.

November 7 at 10:46 AM

CG

**Cathy Golightly** lit a candle in honor of Richard.



November 7 at 10:43 AM

MB

**Mary Barker** posted:

Word's can never express how much Dick will be missed. I am so grateful for the wonderful memories I have and the great times we shared. Dick was one of the kindest and most generous people I've known; and I am sure he made all of us better by being part of his life. My prayers are with his family at this difficult time. Mary Barker

November 7 at 6:25 AM

KS

**Ken Stevens** posted:

Dick will be truly missed. I always loved going on photo assignments with him over the years. A true class act who touched everyone he met and we are all better for having known him.

November 7 at 6:08 AM



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SH

**Susie Hopper** posted:

Dick was a wonderful colleague and his smile could light up a room. I enjoyed working with him at The Chronicle - he will be missed! My sympathy goes out to his family and friends. Susie Eaton HopperDes Moines, IA

November 6 at 10:25 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Davies family.



November 6 at 7:02 AM

AM

**Angela Mackey** posted:

Richard you will always be missed at Northside. We saved your seat for you today & shared so many memories. I know you want me to succeed with my schooling, it was always something we talked about. I will NEVER serve blackberry brandy without thinking about you. We always talked about Wisconsin football, the Bears, and the time you had the young good looking spanish lady help you pass your spanish class. You will always be on my mind & i'm so lucky to have known such a great man like you. Thank you for everything you've done. I appreciate everything you've done for all of us at Northside.

November 5 at 8:29 PM

TM

**Tamara Mortland** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends, at your time of great loss, Dick will be missed by many, including myself.....Tammy Mortland,Northside Sports Pagewill miss you.

November 5 at 4:23 PM

NF

**Norma Free** posted:

To the family of Dick Davies,Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. I was a classmate of Richard at Jefferson High School - class of 1954. We always enjoyed seeing him at the class reunions. We were very sorry to hear of his passing. We will miss him and think of him as we plan our next reunion.Sincerely,Norma and Gordon FreeJefferson, Wisconsin

November 5 at 3:42 PM



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**Dave Alexander** posted:

To Rick, Cindy and family:Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Dick was an honored and trusted colleague of mine at The Chronicle from the day I started in 1981 until he retired. Few enjoyed life during those years as much as Dick. And no one I have ever worked with had the clarity and simplicity of language that Dick did. I strive for his writing skills but will never get there. My thoughts of Dick as respected journalist and a kind soul are life lasting. I am sorry to be out of town on Friday.Dave AlexanderMuskegon Chronicle

November 5 at 1:31 PM



**Dick Hester** November 7 at 9:19 AM

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**Dick Hester** November 7 at 9:18 AM

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**Jennifer Winslow** November 6 at 1:37 PM

My thoughts and prayers go out to Dicks family. He was such a special man to work with, he will be sadly missed!



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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