



# Richard J. "Dick" Sova

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**M**r. Richard J. "Dick" Sova, age 74, passed away Friday afternoon, February 26, 2010. He was born April 1, 1935 in Muskegon to Frank and Anna (Kielbus) Sova. Dick was a U.S. Army Veteran and worked for J & M Machine Company for 25 years before retiring. Mr. Sova was a member of the Vikings Linne Lodge 57, the Lakeside Veteran's Club, and also was a little league hockey and baseball coach for Mona Shores. For several years he also worked for Norton Shores Parks and Recreation. On November 22, 1958 he married the former Mary L. Nedervelt in Muskegon. SURVIVORS include his wife of 51 years, Mary; 2 sons, Mark Sova of Muskegon, Derek (Pamela) Sova of Twin Lake; brother, Marlow Sova of Muskegon; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sheryl and Dick Fett; and his sister-in-law, Sandy Sova of Muskegon. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, David Sova; and brother, Raymond Sova. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday at The Walburn Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 1547 W. Sherman Blvd. (231) 759-8565 with Rev. Jonathan Rager officiating. VISITATION will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will take place in Norton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Mercy VNS & Hospice Services. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)



# Events


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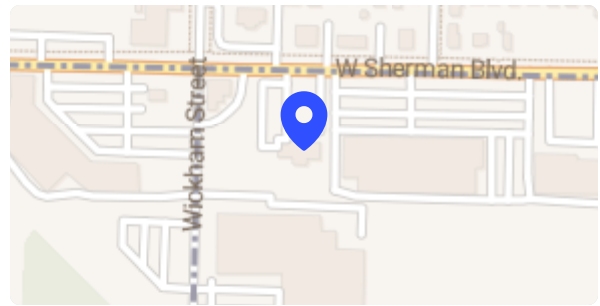
## Visitation

 **Wednesday**, March 3, 2010

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

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

1547 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon MI 49441





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Mary,I'm sorry to hear about your husband, Dick. My prayers are with your during this difficult time. It's been a long time.Sincerely,Mary Strait###imported-begin##Mary Strait###imported-end##

March 7 at 11:13 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

The last time I saw Mr. Sova he had a great smile on his face and never did I once see him in a bad mood. What a wonderful guy and great neighbor. The memories I have of him will be cherished forever.The Sova's have always been great to my family and we will miss him dearly.Mary ~ Whenever you want banana bread you just let me know. Take care of yourself and I love you!###imported-begin##Jillian Mieler###imported-end##

March 4 at 4:54 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mary,please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. May God keep you in his loving arms.Love, Ron & Gail Chandonnet###imported-begin##Ron and Gail Chandonnet###imported-end##

March 3 at 5:23 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to you Mary, your family and Dicks family. Dick and I went into the Army together and both served in Germany from 1956-58. He was a good friend!!!###imported-begin##Dick and Pat Herbst###imported-end##

March 2 at 7:18 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry to hear about your loss. I will be praying for u and your family. I hope in some small way this helps.###imported-begin##jason ogle###imported-end##

March 2 at 7:01 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Mark, Derek and "Mom",We are so sorry to hear of Dick's passing.I always thought of him as a father figure, after I lost my own when I was so young.He was a good man and the world is a lesser place with him gone.God bless you all,Alan and Ruth Young##imported-begin##Alan and Ruth Young##imported-end##

March 2 at 4:01 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY . SO SORRY TO HEAR OF DICKS PASSING .##imported-begin##LINDA HUIZENGA##imported-end##

March 2 at 1:57 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We express our sincere sympathy to you,Mary,and your family. We are keeping you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Russ and Deb Vlasma##imported-end##

March 2 at 10:39 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I remember meeting Mr. Sova over at Dave's house when I lived across the street from him on Birchwood. You are such a kind family and I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers!!Mr. Sova, give Dave a big hug & tell him I love and miss him, from his sister in Christ and know that he and my late husband Mike are rejoicing at your arrival home.I hope that you can all find comfort in the memories and legacy Mr. Sova has given you!Loave and Peace to all of you!!Beth O'Shea-Miklovich##imported-begin##Beth O'Shea-Miklovich##imported-end##

March 2 at 7:32 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are deeply sorry for you loss. Mr. Sova will be missed.##imported-begin##Shoreline Federal Credit Union##imported-end##

March 2 at 6:57 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Mary, Mark, Derek and Pam, You are all in our thoughts and prayers. If you need anything let me know. Dick was a great guy and will be missed. We are sorry for your great loss. Tony, Lisa and Jake Nanna.##imported-begin##Tony Nanna##imported-end##

March 1 at 10:21 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mary & family,We are so sorry to hear about Dick. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.Rodger & Phyllis##imported-begin##Rodger & Phyllis Settergren##imported-end##

March 1 at 9:35 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mary, Derek and Mark,You are in our thoughts. Dick will be missed.Jon Baker and family.##imported-begin##Jon Baker##imported-end##

March 1 at 5:14 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mary and Family,Stan, Wendy and I offer our prayers for you in the loss of Dick. Lots of good memories of a special guy. He will be missed. We will be home in August and will see you then.##imported-begin##Shirley Vasser##imported-end##

February 28 at 6:14 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mary and Family,We just wanted to extend our deepest sympathies in the loss of Dick. Joe called today to tell us of the sad news. You are great neighbors and we always feel safe knowing that you and Dick were keeping an eye on the neighborhood! We always enjoyed waving to Dick through the window while we walked our dogs by your house. We have been worried about him lately and so sorry about his passing. Mary...Nance and I will miss Dick, but always know that we will keep an eye out for you from our perch down the road! Take care and God bless. We will keep you in our prayers. Much Love, Tami and Nancy(your neighbors with the big brown Lab and the tiny grey Italian Greyhound)##imported-begin##Tami Tufts##imported-end##

February 28 at 12:25 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I offer my deepest sympathy to all of "Dicks" relation with special consideration to Derek of the Lakeside Vets Club. I wish you the BEST Derek!! Norm Knauf##imported-begin##Norm Knauf##imported-end##

February 28 at 8:49 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry to hear about Uncle Dick. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I happened to be "home" visiting for the funeral of my Grandmother Connie and saw the obituary. I live in San Francisco now; married with one son "Seth" who is 9. Blessings, Susan##imported-begin##Susan Sova##imported-end##

February 28 at 7:19 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

To Mark and your entire family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We know this a tough time but remember tough times never last....tough people do.....All our love and prayers are with you.....If you need us we are here Matt, Katie and the entire Andrews family##imported-begin##Matt Andrews##imported-end##

February 27 at 10:54 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We heard about Dick while at the Vikings tonight. So sorry for your loss. We felt like your kids too. We will cherish the memories of christmas eve at your home. We will never forget him.##imported-begin##Greg and Gayle Baker##imported-end##

February 27 at 8:36 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I enjoyed bagging his groceries when he came to plumbs. I sure will miss him.##imported-begin##LAURIE MASTELLA##imported-end##

February 27 at 3:55 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My condolences to Mary, Mark and Derek. Dick will be sorely missed up at the Vets Club. He was always the "life of the party" at our end of the bar. I have know doubt that he would already have started his nonsense about planting his tomatoes. I'll be sure to plant one in his honor this summer. I feel honored to have known him because he was a terrific person and a gentleman and certainly has left a lasting impression. God Bless. Brad Taylor##imported-begin##Bradley Taylor##imported-end##

February 27 at 3:17 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mary & family: We are in FL, but wanted to let you know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Dick was a super fellow, and will be missed by many. Sincerely, Jo and Jerry##imported-begin##Jo and Jerry Privasky##imported-end##

February 27 at 11:40 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I offer my sympathy to the family of Dick, (Dinks was his nickname to we who grew up with him at Lincoln School.) He was a great guy & athlete and well liked by everybody. Ken Cobb##imported-begin##Ken Cobb##imported-end##

February 27 at 10:45 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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