



Reverend Richard Farrow

June 15, 1929 - January 26, 2013

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

REVEREND RICHARD G. FARROW

Reverend Richard "Dick" Farrow, 83, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 1:37 p.m., after a full life while here on earth. He was born June 15, 1929 in Raleigh, NC, the son of James H. Farrow and Sallie Kinard (Fuller) Farrow. He married the former Jeanette F. Lalk on December 25, 1952 at the First Baptist Church in Risco, MO. He served his country with 22 years in the military. He started with 2 years in the US Maritime Service at the end of WWII. His ship, the Edmond B Alexander, hit a mine in the North Sea. He then served 3 years in the Navy, sailing on the USS Leyte (CV32) aircraft carrier. He then entered the Air Force, serving 17 years before retiring. He flew mostly tanker and cargo aircraft. He served a tour in Korea, 1951-52 and two tours in Viet Nam, 1962-63 and 1967-68. He and his wife then moved to Alton where he taught at Alton High School for 20 years. He taught Vocational Auto Mechanics, Vocational Aircraft Mechanics and Private Pilot Ground School. Upon retiring from teaching, he and his wife served as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries in Tanzania, East Africa as a bush pilot, and in Germany and Spain as a pastor. They were very active in home and foreign mission work. He accrued over 10,000 hours of flying time. He was a bi-vocational pastor, starting two churches and serving as interim pastor of 25

others, mostly in the greater Alton area. He was a 32-degree Mason, Past Master of the Hibbard Lodge in Brighton and was a member of the Franklin Lodge in Alton. He is survived by his wife and four sons: Rick (Jeanie) Farrow of Godfrey, James (Jeanne) Farrow of Springfield, IL, Mark (Holly) Farrow of Lake of Ozarks and David (Kelly) Farrow of Phoenix, AZ, 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. In celebration of his life, visitation will be from 3:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at Heartland Baptist Church in Alton where funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. on Friday with Pastor Richard Newcom to officiate. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery with full Military Honors. Memorials may be made to Whitelaw Avenue Baptist Church, Wood River and the Gateway Baptist Association, Granite City, IL.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reverend Richard Farrow*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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“ *Pastor Farrow was a wonderful man and mentor. We have always loved both he and Jeanette and we'll see him again in Heaven.*

He had a wonderful life and is an inspiration to us all.

Kelly Miller - May 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Shellie Miller has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.*

Shellie Miller - May 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *God is good.....all the time.*

Shellie Miller - May 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ My husband, Kelly Miller, and I loved the Farrowes. They came to Germany and became a part of our family. In our travels, I have often wandered how they were. Brother Farrow was a great man and teacher. He will be missed. God bless him and his family.

Shellie Miller - May 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Uncle Dick will be truly missed by all that he touched. Love, Dawn and Tommy Hedgpeth

M. Dawn Hedgpeth - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Jeanette, we did not know anything about Bro. Farrow until yesterday. We don't get the paper and I had not checked the computer lately. I was so shocked. We love you and have had so many good memories with you and Bro. Farrow. We sure would have been there and hate to find out after the fact. God Bless you and your family. He meant a lot to so many and had such a full life. I know he meant a lot to our family.

Again love and your in our hearts.

Sharon, Larry Voyles and family

Sharon/Larry Farrow - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ GOD called you home.

Our prayers are with the Farrow family.

Donald King Sr - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ You will be missed.

Joan - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *As iron sharpens iron, a friend sharpens a friend. (proverbs 27:17)*
Thank you Sir for being my friend

Scott Thompson - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ *Richard's kindness, humor, intellect and integrity were evident in every action he took. He served his country, his church, his family, and his friends with unequalled distinction. In behalf of the Armed Forces of the United States, I am honored to salute him. Ernest Adelman, Brigadier General, USAF, Retired.*

Ernest Adelman - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I am very SAD to hear about Brother Farrow, I grew up in the Baptist Church and he was our interm Pastor. All thru my life, I have told my children and friends about this man,so kind and friendly and a True Christian. He was the Pastor at my Father's Funeral and comforted my Family. I will always remember him and his wife. Definatly, an ANGEL has entered HEAVEN!! Praying for the Family. Alice(Copeland)Colley

Alice (Copeland) Colley - January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ A true gentleman and a great teacher. Peaceful journey, Mr. Farrow.

Kevin Hand

Alton High School Class of 1989.

Kevin Hand - January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dear Aunt Jeanette and Family, Sending heartfelt sympathy, thankful to have the assurance that, YES, we will be reunited with Uncle Dick when we enter heaven's gates - all because of Jesus love for all of us. And as Rev. Asbury mentioned, I believe Uncle Dick will say another "fantastic" to that as well.

Katie Spoonire - January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Uncle Richard was our Patriarch who held our faith in God together with his religious philosophy and his life lessons. I always looked forward to our Fuller/Farrow family reunion visits every 2 year. I also enjoy reading and rereading his geneology books. He will be missed, but at least I know he and my mother (his sister) are together again having a good time.

Joan Arnold - January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Richard the eighth of nine children born to James and Sallie Farrow, is survived by his only remaining sibling, Sallie Fuller Farrow Matthews of Wilmington, Delaware.

Sallie Matthews - January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Farrow Family. I had the honor of knowing Richard for many years as he visited me at the Alton Square Post Office. He was always filled with Joy of the Lord and you could see it in his eyes, his smile and in his presence. I was especially grateful for his concern for my wife who had and overcame cancer and how he said he would keep her in his prayers. I still have his business card he once gave me which said, "Jesus Loves You", in my locker at work and will always be a reminder for me of what a great man he was. He will be greatly missed. God Bless Richard and his Family. Frank Rogg

Frank Rogg Jr. - January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I know he will be missed by all friends & family. Condolences to all who remain. I have only good memories of him from my teen years at S Roxana Southern Baptist church and swimming in his pond with Rick & Jeannie and others from the youth group. I remember his sense of humor and his personable attitude. Prayers for the family.

Judy Bienemann Budzileni - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Jeanette and family, We are so sorry to hear the news of Richards passing. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. I know there is a 42 game going on in heaven now! and my mama and daddy are enjoying the company! We love you all and hope to see you in the future.

Steve & Arlena Stevens - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time what a wonderful man thinking of Mark & Holly and Jason & Julie and the entire family

Dale & Samantha Reese - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ To Rick and family:

Mr. Farrow was my voc auto mechanics teacher in 1969 and the best auto teacher I ever had. He was a great man!! I had the pleasure of speaking with Mr. Farrow last year over the phone. We spoke of many things and was truly a pleasure to speak with him again. He said I was his best auto student. Good to hear from such a great man. I am so sorry for your loss.

Rick Martin

Rick Martin - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Jeanette and Boys, I'm sorry to learn of your Great Loss.

Our loss here on earth BUT Heavens gain. I sat under his preaching and had you both in our home many times, He will be missed.

Judy Nettleton - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ We were so sorry to hear of Uncle Richard's passing. He brought so many gifts to us all and may those special memories give you strength during this difficult time. We will never forget him! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bob and Pat Brooks - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ I was so saddened to hear of Mr. Farrow's passing. I thought a lot of him and always liked to see him at church. He had quite a military career which I was not aware of. My dad passed away five years ago and was in the air force when he was younger. I would like to think they are both having quite a conversation now.

Patti Roberts - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We are saddened to hear of Reverend Farrow's passing.

We are honored to have Reverend Farrow visit his memorials in DC. His contribution to this country is a shining example.

God bless him and his family

DC Honor Flight Ground crew - January 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ I believe with every bit of my heart that if you were to ask Dick how he is doing now he would tell you "fantastic."

Rev. Thomas Asbury - January 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Richard. We really thought a lot of him what a great man of God he was and is now with his Lord and Savior. We really enjoyed the book him and Jeanette recently wrote and we were so happy to have them both sign it. Again our prayers and thoughts are with you.

John and Grace Daubman - January 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We have all of the family in our Prayers

Jim and Janice Watson - January 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Rick and Jeannie, We are very sorry for your loss and you are in our prayers.

Robert and Ruth Bailey

Robert and Ruth Bailey - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for I too know the pain of losing someone you love. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'swallow up death forever, and certainly wipe the tears from all faces.' (Isaiah 25:8) What a wonderful day that will be!

K. Jackson - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM