



## Richard "Dick" Massey

October 14, 1934 - November 20, 2019

Dateline: Alton

Richard "Dick" Ragsdale Massey, age 85, of Alton, IL, passed away Wednesday, November 20, 2019. A visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton, following a private graveside service for his family.

Dick was born in Galatia, IL, in 1934, one of eight children of the late Lewis J. and Sarah J. (nee Ragsdale) Massey. A graduate of Alton High School Class of 1952, Dick was a businessman and an active member of the community. After decades of employment with Thrifty Drug Stores and the Rexall Drug Corporation, Dick founded Massey Pharmacy in Alton with his wife Kay and his Daughter Jill. Dick was very involved in the community and was a friend to many. He was an active member of numerous service organizations and boards, including Junior Achievement, the Greater Alton Chamber of Commerce, the Alton Nature League, and the Franklin Masonic Lodge #25. Dick was also a proud and active member of the Godfrey Baptist Church. In his free time (of which there was too little) Dick enjoyed gardening and sharing laughs with his friends and family.

Dick married his lifelong sweetheart, Kay Stobbs, on March 26, 1955 in Hernando, Mississippi. For 54 years they lived "the greatest love story ever

told.” He had a huge heart, a wicked sense of humor and he loved his wife and children fiercely. At the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary, Dick stated to all in attendance, “The greatest reward for being married for 50 years is being a Dad to Sara, Jill, Su, Ed, Sam, Barb and Tom, 7 special children that I wanted to put on this earth. God could have given them to anyone – anywhere – but he didn’t. He gave them and the responsibility and privilege of raising them to Kay and me. In return, God blessed us with good health and the resources to provide for our family.” His wife, Kay, went to our Lord on June 2, 2009, and Dick mourned her passing each and every day until his death. One can only imagine how incredibly joyful their reunion was! Dick left a tremendous and grateful legacy behind.

Dick was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine (Kay) (nee Stobbs) Massey, his parents: Lewis and Sarah (Sadie) Massey, four brothers: Robert Massey, Gene Massey, William Massey and James Massey, and two sisters: Margaret Thackrey and Dorothy Humphrey.

He is survived by his sister, Judy Schupbach, his children Sara (Craig) Lambert, Jill (Richard) Luft, Su (Bob) Thompson, Ed (Penny) Massey, Sam (Leslie) Massey, Barb (Ken) Russell, and Tom (Gina) Massey. In addition to his children he is survived by 18 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews, all of whom he loved a great deal. He shared a special bond with his niece and caregiver, Jody Haufe.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to:

Godfrey Baptist Church - 1601 W. Delmar Avenue, Godfrey, IL 62035 or BJC Foundation for Hospice - P.O. Box 790369 St. Louis, MO 63179

Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services

2409 State Street

Alton, IL 62002

(618) 466-5544

<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ So very sorry to hear of Dicks passing. My belated condolences to his family and friends!! Back in the late 70s Dick was Thrifty's VP/Advertising and his wife Kay was our Pharmacist when i was floor manager at the 5th & Monroe store in Springfield

Frederick W. Frank - June 09 at 09:16 AM



“ Richard "Dick" Massey

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Richard "Dick" Massey

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ Dear Massey family... so deeply sorry for your loss. You and your dear father are in my prayers. Enjoyed your fathers humor and kindness. May you all find comfort in the many cherished memories.

*My sincere condolences, Beth Shannahan Rejman*

Beth Rejman - December 07, 2019 at 05:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Massey.



December 06, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Massey.*



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December 06, 2019 at 01:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Massey.*



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December 06, 2019 at 12:07 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Massey.*



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December 05, 2019 at 09:52 PM

R.

“ We had the privilege of knowing and being friends with Dick, Kay and most of the kids (especially Jill and Su). What a great family. So fun to be around and we had many great times with them. Always thought that Dick and Kay were the perfect gentleman and lady. But, as said by others, they could really "zing" you with their comments (which was also a very cool part of the friendship). Sending our thoughts and love to all of the Family. The memories will be cherished always. R.J. and Theresa

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R.J. - December 05, 2019 at 11:26 AM

“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Massey.



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November 29, 2019 at 12:39 PM

GL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Judy and the family.

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**Greg Lister** - November 26, 2019 at 01:33 PM

JH

“Uncle” was both my buddy and/or tormentor and was very good in each role.

*He was the most entertaining guy; his timely one-liners and stories from his childhood, love affair with Aunt Kay and hilarious escapades of raising their 7 kids kept me laughing.*

*I'm very lucky and proud to be a member of the Massey clan and to have the time to spend with them the last few years.*

*I certainly could not have given him the care he required without the love and support of his baby sister, Aunt Judy, who always seemed to be "on call". Together we got it done.*

*"illegitimi non carborundum" Uncle Dick.*

*Love you all,*

*Jody*

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**Jody Haufe** - November 26, 2019 at 12:44 PM

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“Our condolences to all the family. I was fortunate enough to meet and share a few toasts with this wonderful man. I will cherish fond memories of him and continue toasting to his name💖”

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**Irene Odom** - November 26, 2019 at 12:21 PM

RO

“ *The Massey Clan will always hold a special place in our heart. Dick and Kay were two special people. I've known them since I was a young child, as they were good friends of my parents (Bill and Mary Tanner).*

*Dick was responsible for my career in advertising and marketing. He set up an interview for me with the State Journal-Register in Springfield as an advertising sales person. Mary and I were living in Quincy at the time and had been married only a short time when Dick approached my father to ask me if I would be interested.*

*Mary and I retired about a year go and my career spanned 4 daily newspapers and a consulting practice over 40 plus years. I thoroughly enjoyed my career and every opportunity that came with it. Dick and Kay were the kind of people who were always looking to help someone else. I always tried to pay it forward.*

*We share your loss.*

*Fondly,  
The Tanner Clan*

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**RonTanner** - November 26, 2019 at 11:06 AM

BH

“ *Our prayers and sympathy to the Massey family. What a joy to have known Dick and family. Know Dick will be welcomed with open arms by The Almighty.  
Buck and Jean Hord  
Melbourne, FL*



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**Buck and Jean Hord** - November 26, 2019 at 09:00 AM

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“ *What a beautifully written tribute to your Dad. I'm so sorry for your loss. Holding you all in my prayers during this difficult time.*  
*Nancy Pulizos*

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**Nancy** - November 25, 2019 at 06:38 PM