



Richard Charles May

September 19, 1940 - February 13, 2025

Richard Charles May, 84, resident of Lindenhurst, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, February 13, 2025.

Born in Evanston, Illinois September 19, 1940, son of the late Bud and Helen May

Richard grew up in Wilmette, Illinois with his six siblings.

After graduating high school, Richard enlisted in the United States Army. It was here he became a paratrooper. He served four years with honor.

Soon after his discharge he met the love of his life- Suzanne Suzik. They were married in May of 1965 and raised a family with three beautiful children.

Richard worked for the Wilmette Police Department for a while and then moved to the Fire Department. He was given the name "Ma May" due to his neat and tidy demeanor.

He remained a firefighter for 28 years.

Richard was a member of the American Legion for more than 50 years. He loved fishing, bowling, playing cribbage along with making beautiful cribbage boards.

He was a man with a great sense of patriotism, along with the desire for neatness and order.

He enjoyed so many of his days surrounded by friends and family.

Richard is survived by his children (Scott May, Robin Stephens and John May), his sister-in-law (Kim Pelkola), his daughter-in-law (Kim May) his three grandchildren (Megan May- 28, Jeffrey May 25, and Ally Stephens 20) and his siblings (Ron May, Eugene May and Mimi Selzer)

He was preceded in death by his “bride” (Suzanne May) and his siblings (Sheila Beitzel, Jerry May and Bob May)

Richard's kindness, humor and unwavering love for his family will be deeply missed but forever remembered in our hearts.

Tribute Wall

JU

“ *Mr. And Mrs. May were the best! I worked at their dental office and they would bring in cookies and flowers , they just walked over to say hello 🤍☐ Rest in Paradise together. They were one of a kind.*

Judi - June 05, 2025 at 05:38 PM

WR

“ *So sad to hear of Dicks passing.I'll always remember canning beets and making sausage with Dick.There was was so much more, We enjoyed having a beer and shooting the breeze, talking fishing and listening to Dick tell one of his many experiences in life. You're with your bride once again Dick. I'll never forget you or Suzy and the times we shared.Your Friend Walt*

Walt Rippa - May 31, 2025 at 02:54 PM

DA

“ *R.I.P Mr. May. You sorely will be missed by so many. I'm so blessed to have had the last dance with you*



De Ana Adams - March 25, 2025 at 10:14 PM

KP

“ *Kim Pelkola lit a candle in memory of Richard May*



Kim Pelkola - March 21, 2025 at 09:46 AM

KP

“ Rest in peace brother in law. You are where you always wanted to be, with my sister!! You are at peace now. Forever in my heart!!

Kim Pelkola - March 21, 2025 at 09:45 AM

MC

“ My deepest condolences to you Robin and the family. I met Mr May once. He was very pleasant. He will be missed. Hugs 🤗

Mary Class - February 27, 2025 at 04:02 PM

RS

“ robin stephens lit a candle in memory of Richard May



robin stephens - February 27, 2025 at 01:06 PM

BH

“ So very sorry to have heard about his passing. My prayers go out to Entire family. I'll never forget those Christmas parties at 4th lake and seeing you on the lake while kayaking. 🙏🙏🙏

Bryan Hanson - February 22, 2025 at 02:26 PM

KD

So sorry to hear this!! Our hearts go out to the May family with deepest sympathies!! Rest in peace Dickie! (That's what Jake called him).
Karen & Jake Dahl

Karen Dahl - February 23, 2025 at 11:13 PM

SD

“ Our hearts go out to you during this difficult time. Dick was an amazing person who made a lasting impact on so many lives. May the beautiful memories you shared bring you comfort and peace.

Sue, Nate, Derek, Sammy & Guinevere Dinardi

Sue Dinardi - February 20, 2025 at 07:45 PM

GS

Scott, Robin and John, my sincerest condolences on the passing of your dad and mom, I remember them very well tho it's been a long time, I'm sure he's tippin a beer with my mom and dad Ray. Sincerely Gail Schopen

Gail Schopen - April 09, 2025 at 08:25 PM

SB

“ Scott, Kim, Megan and Jeffery - Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers for the loss of Dick. Our deepest condolences.

Scott & Colleen Bartlett - February 20, 2025 at 07:14 AM

RS

“ My dearest Dad! There are no words. I miss you so much. God called you home to be with your bride(my mom) but too soon. Your heart is happy again as you gained your wings and to reconnect with Mom. May you always look down on us and protect us as you always did here on earth. Fly high Dad and always remain that infectious smile and that huge heart of yours! Until we see each other again. I love you!

Your daughter

Robin xo  

robin stephens - February 19, 2025 at 04:28 PM

RS

“ We are sad to see you go Dick and your presence and stories will be missed. May the love and care of family and friends help the May family through this loss.💔



Ray & Carol Santare - February 19, 2025 at 03:52 PM

TC

“ My thoughts and prayers to the whole family. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Patricia Corcoran-Larsen



Trish Corcoran-Larsen - February 19, 2025 at 03:11 PM