



Richard H. Hershman

June 23, 1945 - February 10, 2026

Richard (Dick) Hershman, 80, of Wheatfield, IN passed away on Wednesday, February 10, 2026 at Oak Grove Healthcare surrounded by his family after a long but peaceful battle with dementia. He was born on June 23, 1945 in Jasper County to Otis and Gladys (Elliott) Hershman.

He and his wife Sandy began dating while attending Wheatfield High School in 1962. They went off to Purdue and were married on August 20, 1966. It was always “Dick and Sandy” from then on.

Dick was raised in the Medaryville Christian Church, where he faithfully served for many years as a Sunday School teacher and Elder. His Christian worldview shaped his life and guided him as a devoted husband, father, teacher, and friend. Traveling was one of Dick’s passions which led to many adventurous road trips with his family. Eventually he and Sandy managed to make it to all 50 states!

Dick began his teaching career at Williamsport High School in Warren County, Indiana, before returning home to teach at Kankakee Valley where he taught for over 40 years. He started with Shop in the High School and then Industrial Technology in the Middle School. His love of the Lord fueled his passion for teaching as he inspired many students. He especially loved teaching about real- world manufacturing concepts, as his classes designed, manufactured

and sold a variety of products- buying stocks and earning dividends as well. Many students may have learned more about the Golden Gate bridge than they ever wanted! He will be remembered for his kind, gentle and teasing nature by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife and best friend Sandy (Hoehn) Hershman, children, Jeffrey (Melissa) Hershman, of Wheatfield and Lori (Brett) Triebel of Sun Prairie, WI; seven grandchildren: Kyle Hershman, Delaney (Cooper) Smith, Caleb Triebel, Ethan Triebel, Patrick Hershman, Kasey Hershman and Leah Triebel; two great grandchildren, Edie (Edith) and Lewis Smith along with several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Dick was preceded in death by his brothers James, John, Robert, and Ken and his sisters Virginia Page, Ruth Lund, Betty Griffey and Carol Stevens.

Visitation for friends and family will be at Integrity Funeral Home, 352 East South Street, Wheatfield, on Monday, February 16th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon CST. The funeral service, led by Don Nedza, will begin at noon with a graveside service immediately following at the Wheatfield Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to:

North East Evangelism/Living Water

% Brian Sevits

PO BOX 795

Moberly, MO 65270

(a Haitian missionary known and supported by Dick and Sandy for many years)

Cemetery Details

Wheatfield Cemetery

Wheatfield Cemetery
Wheatfield, IN 46392

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Integrity Funeral Service & Cremation
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Wheatfield, IN 46392
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Service

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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Integrity Funeral Service & Cremation created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard H. Hershman*



Integrity Funeral Service & Cremation - February 16 at 08:44 AM

BS

“ *Dear Sandy and family-
One of Dick's students back in the day told me at church yesterday about his passing. I am sorry I won't be able to make the service but send loving hugs of Remembrance. Dick was certainly that special man with a kind word and smile for everyone. After all these years I still miss wandering down the hallway (for at least 20 years) to the shop rooms just to say hi. Both Dick and Leo usually had a project going..or lots of cleaning going on. I miss those days and all those smiles. I know all those students who went through his class have nothing but great memories of learning "real stuff" from one of the nicest men they will every know. Blessing to your family . Bonnie and Jim Sparks*

Bonnie Sparks - February 16 at 10:45 AM

AP

“ Dearest Sandi, Lori, Jeff and families, we are so sorry for the loss of your beautiful dad, husband and grandfather! He was such a special person and always had support and a cheeky, quiet joke to offer. It was a privilege to grow up with him. Sending you all love and light!
April A.

April - February 15 at 08:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard H. Hershman.



February 13 at 04:14 PM

MM

“ So sorry for the loss of your loved one. May God keep you in His loving arms during this difficult time. - Marcia (Bierma) Mathew

Marcia (Bierma) Mathew - February 13 at 09:14 AM

JC

Dear Sandy and family,
I am saddened to hear of Dick's passing. I know this has been a very difficult time for you all. Marilyn was our source of how everyone was doing, so I knew some of what you have gone through. My prayers have been and will continue for you and your family. A classmate of you both! With Love, Jim Foster

Jim Foster, a classmate - February 21 at 09:21 PM