



## Richard Earl Dewey

September 20, 1932 - August 7, 2019

On Wednesday, August 7th, 2019 Richard Earl (Dick) Dewey, died suddenly in his home at the age of 86.

Dick was born September 20, 1932 in Amboy, Illinois to Earl and Alice (Andrews) Dewey. In 1949 Dick joined the army and served as a military driver in Tokyo, Japan for high ranking officers and served in battle in South Korea as a tank driver during the Korean War. In 1953 Dick married Shirley Hubbell, remaining married 37 years. In the 50's Dick operated a milk route in the Amboy area. In 1958 Dick sold the milk route and attended barber school. Dick was a long time barber at the former Dixon State School from 1964 – 1982. He was a practicing barber for 60 years having just sold Dick's Lakeside Barbershop, in Mendota, earlier this year.

Since childhood Dick has been an active member of the First Baptist Church in Amboy. Dick was married in the church. For decades Dick has generously volunteered his time at the church as Deacon, Sunday school teacher and choir singer. This summer Dick joined in and helped with the church's youth camp and vacation bible school. Dick was a member of Mendota's VFW Post 4079. He loved to travel, including annual family Canadian fishing trips. Dick also loved driving whether it be an army tank, a milk truck, a boat an Oldsmobile or an Escalade – all sorts of tanks. Dick greatly enjoyed his weekends spending time with his family, helping with projects and enjoying meals together.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, sister Elverta, brother Clarence,

sister Betty Thompson, grandson Corey Dewey, and son-in-law Michael Draper.

Dick is survived by his children Sandra Draper of Amboy, Rich (Monica) Dewey of Mendota, Brian Dewey (Michael Tighe) of New York, NY, Brett (Sheila) Dewey of Amboy 3 grandchildren Jonathan Draper, Matthew (Katie) Draper, Annette (Greg) Cyrocki, 3 step grandchildren, Ashley (Johnny) Bulfer, Josh (Bree) Shepard, Chelsea White, granddaughter in law Heather (Nicholas) Schmidt, 9 great grandchildren, Curtis and Madison Draper, Ashton, Logan, Meghan Dewey, and Ellyn Schmidt, Anna and Blake Cyrocki and Alyxandria Shepard. He is also survived by his brother Robert Dewey of Amboy, aunt Elverta (Vertie) Eller of Amboy and ex-wife Shirley Okland. Dick will always be remembered as a generous, patient and loving person, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Visitation will be held Monday August 12, 2019 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy

Funeral services will be held Tuesday August 13, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the First Baptist Church in Amboy with the Rev. Rocky Fritz officiating. Burial with military honors by the Amboy American Legion will follow at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy. A memorial has been established.

# Cemetery Details

## Prairie Repose Cemetery

990 Rockyford Rd  
Amboy, IL 61310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy  
303 East Main Street  
Amboy, IL 61310  
(815) 857-2611  
[info@thejonesfh.com](mailto:info@thejonesfh.com)  
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

## Service

AUG 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
24 N. Mason Ave.  
Amboy, IL 61310  
[pastorocky@gmail.com](mailto:pastorocky@gmail.com)  
<http://www.fbcamboy.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Earl Dewey*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Richard Earl Dewey*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy on your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.*  
*Jane Reuter and Family*

**Jane Reuter** - August 12, 2019 at 10:01 PM



“ *So very sorry to learn of Dick's passing. He was a very special guy and he was always interested in what one had to say. The world has lost a wonderful individual which it needs many many more of. Our sympathies to all the family. Gary Campbell family*

**Gary Campbell** - August 12, 2019 at 04:45 PM



*Sorry to hear of Dicks passing. He was my barber and great friend for many years. He knew my father Larry Rapp and a great friend to my Special aunt Isabelle Brown. I will miss him very much and proud to say my special friend. God be with all the Dewey family. Chuck & Judy Rapp*

**Chuck Rapp** - August 15, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Earl Dewey.*



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August 09, 2019 at 02:34 PM



“ *We were lucky to go on a Canada fishing trip with “grandpa” and share many Sunday dinners!! A life well lived! He will be missed.  
Dean & Linda Chandler*

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**Linda Chandler** - August 08, 2019 at 02:50 PM