



Richard Joseph Santos

March 14, 1933 - February 18, 2020

Richard J. "Dick" Santos age 86 of Dixon died Tuesday Feb. 18, 2020 in his home. He was born March 14, 1933 in Dixon the son of Simon and Mary Louise (Olivares) Santos. Dick was a wire drawer at Northwestern Steel and Wire in Sterling for 28 years prior to his retirement in 1988. He was a veteran of the Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of St Patrick Catholic Church, Dixon Knights of Columbus Council 690, and Dixon American Legion Post 12. For many years he played Santa Claus for the American Legion visiting hospitals and nursing homes.

Dick coached American Legion Baseball for three years, coached Al Morrison Baseball for 15 years, coached basketball at St Mary's School for 15 years and was director of Dixon Park District softball tournaments for many years.

Dick also worked on the Special Olympics Basketball Committee.

He was an avid Chicago Bears and White Sox fan and enjoyed fishing for catfish.

Dick married LaFay Meyer January 11, 1958 in Dixon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one great grandson Angel, brothers Isadore, Daniel, Charles and Gabriel Santos and sister Alice Whitehead.

Dick is survived by his wife LaFay, sons Michael (Connie Grobe) Santos and Jon "Stub" (Pat) Santos both of Dixon, Craig (Robyn) Santos of Tempe, AZ, and Ron (Karla Febles) Santos of Spring, TX; 3 grandchildren Megan, Madison, and Mackenzie and 5 great grandchildren Harbor, Reef, Sailor, Dylan, Kabe, and one on the way.

He is also survived by one brother Simon Santos and one sister Molly Rutherford both of Dixon.

Funeral services will be held Saturday Feb. 22, 2020 beginning with a 10:00 AM Prayer Service at the Jones Funeral Home followed by a 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. Keith Romke officiating. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be Friday from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at the funeral home with a Scripture Service at 7:00 PM.

Memorials have been established to American Legion Baseball and St Mary School.

Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

FEB **22**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Joseph Santos*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Richard Joseph Santos*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Mike, Jon, and all the Santos family:*

During my time working for the Telegraph and Gazette, knowing you and Dick was a true pleasure. I was very sorry to learn of his passing, and wanted you to know I send my most sincere condolences.

He will be remembered for good and for blessing I am sure. You are his legacy, and a pretty fine one at that.

Sincerely,

*Rabbi David Abrahams
Congregation Etz Chaim -- Fairport, NY
"Abie"*

David E "Abie" Abrahams - February 25, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ *Much Thanks for all your thoughtful posts.
Sincerely- Mike and the Santos Family.*

Mike Santos - February 24, 2020 at 07:56 AM

CM

“ To the family of my 5th and 6th grade basketball coach at St.Marys, Dick believed in the three (F's) his Family, his Faith, and always FUN times. Lots of memories from traveling any were to play a basketball ball game, to babysitting the boys , to setting up a food concession stand out the gate at Reynolds field, when Dick saw that the new person running the concession stand was trying to rip of the family's and player's in the softball tournament. Two of us are here in Florida wishing we were there to join you in a great celebration of Dick life with all of you.
God bless you all!,

Chuck Mossey & Pat the Democratic

chuck mossey - February 22, 2020 at 01:29 PM

JY

“ To Craig, Robyn and the entire Santos clan:

Deepest condolences from Tonya and me on the passing of your Dad.

Never having met the man it's hard for me to attest to all of his obviously endearing qualities as a husband, father, friend, coach and all around bulldog! But I have heard the stories, read the kind words on this site and most of all, experienced his spirit, character wit and love of life as passed on to you, Craig and your children as well!

May your Dad rest in peace with the knowledge the the best of his human qualities will never perish, but will continue on through his children, his children's children and so on until you meet again!

John and Tonya Yasi

john yasi - February 21, 2020 at 05:15 PM

MH

“ *Mark, Kim, Zac, Kelvin, Alyssa, Dane, Kylee Hickman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Joseph Santos.*



Mark, Kim, Zac, Kelvin, Alyssa, Dane, Kylee Hickman -
February 20, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard Joseph Santos.*



February 20, 2020 at 07:36 PM

OL

“ *Softball and Shenanigans. It just didn't get any better. Prayers to the Santos family. Dick will be missed.*

Oly - February 20, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Joseph Santos.*



February 20, 2020 at 02:54 PM

SM

“ *Scott and Kristen Moffitt purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard Joseph Santos.*



Scott and Kristen Moffitt - February 20, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Joseph Santos.*



February 20, 2020 at 08:33 AM

JD

“ *Aunt Fay an family you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Uncle Dick always brought so much laughter and good times when he was around. We will miss him greatly.*

Jerry and Alison Dennis - February 19, 2020 at 08:25 PM

SC

“ *Rest in peace, your family is in my thoughts and prayers, may they find comfort in the many fond memories*

Scott J Clay - February 19, 2020 at 01:22 PM

DA

*Sorry for the loss of your father.
Dale and Carol Armstrong.*

Dale Armstrong - February 22, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Joseph Santos.*



February 19, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Joseph Santos.*



February 19, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ *Sorry to see this.....He was a friend & good guy.....headed out of town....but my thoughts & prayers with you.....Wayne Morss*

Wayne Morss - February 19, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Dick. He was a great man and always fun to be with. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. Rest in Peace!*

Rich Hansen - February 19, 2020 at 10:31 AM

EB

“ *Dick was a great guy and will be missed by so many. Janet and I are away for the winter and will not be able to attend the funeral but we send our deepest sympathy. I always enjoyed gabbing with Dick, he would bring a smile to my face with his quick wit and great stories.*

Ed & Janet Bushman

Ed Bushman - February 19, 2020 at 09:26 AM

JN

“ *Great man, father, coach, and friend. One of the real fun characters you could ever meet. My sympathy goes out too his great family and living legacy. He will be missed! I smile every time I think of him.*

The Panther

Jim Nehring - February 19, 2020 at 07:14 AM



“ *Rest In Peace Mr. Santos!*

Wayne Burgess - February 18, 2020 at 07:03 PM