



Richard "Dick" Hutson

September 30, 1938 - January 13, 2022

Richard "Dick" Hutson, 83, of Lake Forest, IL, formerly of Libertyville, IL, died on January 13, 2022 in the arms of his loving wife of 58 years, Sandra, surrounded by his family. Dick died after several months of fighting various illnesses.

Dick was born in Noblesville, IN on September 30, 1938. He was a 1956 graduate of Noblesville High School, after which he attended Ball State University where he met his future wife, Sandra Lumpkin. Their long-time romance began on the first day they met. They both had other dates that night, but before the evening ended, Sandra had already set her sights on Dick and the rest is history. Their bond and commitment to each other prevails even now, nearly 60 years later.

Dick was perhaps best known for his passion and work in support of many different charitable organizations. Dick devoted his time to those less fortunate and to veterans. In 2019, after decades of philanthropy, he was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Award from the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Dick was very active with Erie Family Health Centers in Chicago by helping to fundraise for Erie HealthReach Waukegan, a healthcare home to more than 10,000 Lake County residents. One of his notable accomplishments is that Dick personally recruited more than 75 veterans to participate in Honor Flight Chicago. Honor Flight is a charity

whose mission is to honor each veteran for their service to our country by providing free trips to Washington, D.C., including visits to the war memorials. Dick and Sandra supported these causes both financially and with their time along with other organizations including Youth and Family Counseling, Lake County Haven, Lake Forest Hospital, and the WWII Museum in New Orleans, LA. Dick was incredibly generous and caring and always went out of his way to help those in need.

Dick graduated from Ball State University with a B.S. business degree in 1960 and an M.A. business degree in 1962. At Ball State, and for many years thereafter, Dick was an active member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Some of his closest friends have been the fraternity brothers he met in college. Following graduation, Dick joined the United States Air Force Reserves.

In 1964, Dick joined Hewitt Associates (now Aon) in Libertyville, IL as its 65th employee. In 1966 he opened the firm's office in Los Angeles, CA where he and his family stayed for two years before returning to the Chicago area. Later he became a senior partner at Hewitt responsible for the firm's international business development activities, marketing, and public relations. He served on the firm's Executive Committee for many years. During his time at Hewitt, the firm grew to 5,500 employees. Dick retired in 1996 after a long and successful career, but stayed on as a consultant helping train new associates.

Dick's legacy at Hewitt was that he had a profound impact on the professional and personal lives of those he mentored. Not only did he help shape the culture at Hewitt with the infamous "Charm School" that he created and taught, but colleagues report that he was instrumental in their development and growth. Dick's kind and caring attitude towards his colleagues made everyone feel like they mattered. Dick's influence at Hewitt was immeasurable.

Following retirement, Dick was active serving on multiple corporate boards. He was a proud member of the Ball State University Foundation where he served as its Chairman. Before that, he was President of the Ball State Alumni Association. At Ball State, Dick was given several awards, including recognition in the Miller College of Business Hall of Fame. For many years, Dick was the Chairman of the Board for BMO Harris Bank-Libertyville. He also was a Board member at Wells Manufacturing and two NYC-based mutual fund companies.

Dick and Sandra were fortunate to be world travelers, visiting every state in the U.S. and dozens of countries abroad. One of the highlights of their travels was their trip “around the world” on a chartered jet for nearly a month, visiting every continent while stopping along the Equator and the Great Barrier Reef.

Dick was an avid fisherman whose travels took him to Canada, Costa Rica, and Wisconsin. Time on the water with family and his many fishing buddies was precious to Dick. He enjoyed watching, attending and discussing all things sports-related, but was most passionate about college basketball as he attended over 25 NCAA Final Fours. (his Hoosier background never left him!) Dick was a voracious reader of WWII history and novels. Dick and Sandra endowed three four-year scholarships at Ball State for outstanding high school seniors where they enjoy mentoring these young adults. Dick has been both a Deacon and an Elder at First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville, and is a man with a deep commitment to his faith. Dick and Sandra moved to Lake Forest Place in 2010 where they were embraced immediately and enjoyed creating new and wonderful friendships. But most of all, Dick enjoyed spending time with his family and loved to brag about his kids and five grandkids.

Dick was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his

wife of 58 years, Sandra (Lumpkin) Hutson. They have two children, a son, Byron Craig Hutson (Jane) and daughter, Rev. Kristin Elizabeth Hutson (David Coughlin). Craig and Jane have two children, Joe and Amanda and live in Wilmette, IL. Kristin and David live in Cedar Rapids, IA. Kristin's son Brennan Hutson and wife Ava Gehringer live in Chicago, IL. David's daughter, Claire lives in Phoenix, AZ and David's son, Daniel lives in Ames, IA. Dick is survived by his older sister, Katylu Herriman, of Warren, OH, along with her three sons, their wives and eight grandchildren. Dick is the family patriarch and loved spear-heading efforts to plan the Hutson Family Reunion with his beloved extended family from across the country.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Saturday, January 22 at 1:00 p.m. CT at the First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville, 219 W. Maple Avenue, Libertyville, IL. Upon request of the family, all in attendance need to be fully vaccinated, and the church requires all attendees to be masked. Social distancing will be observed. The service will also be live-streamed on the church's YouTube channel which can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/c/FirstPresbyterianChurchofLibertyville>

There will be no burial service at this time, as Dick has donated his body to medical science - his last act of generosity. He will be cremated at a later date when a private family burial service will be held at the Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville, IL. Arrangements are by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Info: (847) 362-3009 or please share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Immediately following the Celebration of Life, friends of the family are invited to enjoy light refreshments and fellowship at nearby Mickey Finn's Brewery at 345 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, IL (parking in rear). COVID health and safety protocols will be observed, including mask-wearing.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in honor of Richard Hutson may be directed to: The Hutson Family Scholarship (Fund #32211) at the Ball State University Foundation, 2800 W. Bethel Ave., Muncie, IN 47304; Erie Family Health Foundation, 1701 West Superior Street, 3rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60622 <https://www.riefamilyhealth.org/support/donate/> ; or Honor Flight Chicago, 970 W. Higgins Road, Suite 310, Rosemont, IL 60018 <https://www.honorflightchicago.org/>

Click link below beginning at 12:40 p.m. Saturday to view Photo slideshow that will lead into funeral service:

<https://youtu.be/OZkaGiid1X0>

Tribute Wall



“ *Burnett-Dane Funeral Home created a Photo Tribute 12:40pm & funeral footage at 1:00 p.m. in memory of Richard "Dick" Hutson*



Burnett-Dane Funeral Home - January 19, 2022 at 04:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Hutson.*



January 21, 2022 at 03:22 PM

PS

“ During our 60+ year friendship, Dick has been a true friend and caring person. Our relationship began in Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and has grown over the years. Memories of college adventures with Dick bring a smile to my face! My wife, Sally and Sandra were nursing school classmates but Sally met Dick in her senior year of college and their friendship grew. Despite the miles that separated us after college, Dick recruited us to experience fishing in Canada, NCAA Final Four, and a houseboat vacation. Organizer that he was, he brought college friends and fraternity brothers together for fun times in Palm Desert, Las Vegas and Chicago to name a few gatherings. Dick was the organizer and master of quality. Several years ago, I had a life-altering accident and Dick was quick to organize mutual friends to provide help and support during my early recovery.

I will miss him but will never forget him. I am grateful for knowing Dick and having him my life. I value the memories we made together and times we shared. Thanks, Dick, for all that you gave and for making the world a better place. Rest in peace.

Love you brother.

Paul Snyder

Paul Snyder - January 21, 2022 at 02:47 PM

BH

“ *What I love and will miss about uncle Dick is everything. He's my uncle by marriage, but that distinction fell away with both he and Sandy.*

On a cross country trip that I took a few years ago, I stopped in Chicago to visit and stay with Sandy and Dick. It was the first and only time that I got to spend time with them alone. Sitting at their kitchen table chatting was lovely, listening, sparring, solving world problems and other lesser issues...Dick kept trying convince me that I could use his senior discount card for the museums and train. So sweet, but if I could pass for 70+ at 54, I don't know that I could have continued my trip. Sandy got the downside of passing for older LOL. Seeing their different 'hot takes' on the little things was just great. (I paid the entrance fees, didn't want to test that frugal, hopeful theory)

Uncle Dick to me is goals. His legacy is wonderful, deeply loved by his entire family (nuclear and extended) and touched many more. Uncle Dick clearly loved life, and lived it fully. How does it get better than that? It's just so sad he's gone. I'm grateful to have shared space with such a man who shows us how it's done.

beth herriman - January 19, 2022 at 06:53 PM

WH

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BH

“ *Dear Hutson family,
Dick was our benefits consultant at Arvin Industries, Columbus IN where I was VP HR and General Counsel and later CEO. I dealt with many lawyers, accountants and consultants over the years and no one surpassed him in commitment or integrity. We attended numerous Cubs games together. He went to Noblesville High a few years before I attended North Central in Indianapolis and we loved talking Hoosier Hoops!
I know that all who came in contact with him at Arvin held him in the highest regard.
I know he touched many lives in many ways and I believe that each life he touched was made better from the experience.
Bless you all.
Bill Hunt*

bill hunt - January 19, 2022 at 05:01 PM

TH

“ *Dick Hutson has been a loving and loyal friend to our family for many years. He will be so very greatly missed and fondly remembered. We know Poppy is welcoming you in heaven with a knowing smile and a cold beer.*



Tracey Harvey - January 18, 2022 at 02:42 PM

JH

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



jane hutson - January 17, 2022 at 10:00 PM

CJ

Dick was a caring compassionate man..He not only talked it he lived it. I am so glad to have met with him at our 65th class reunion. Rest in Peace my friend 🙏😭

Constance Jones - January 21, 2022 at 03:09 AM

JH

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Jane Hutson - January 17, 2022 at 09:49 PM

PB

“ Dick was a great and generous man. He was a mentor to our daughter, Marne in her career path. He was our neighbor as well and was always kind. Our son, Jeff was/is Kris' friend and in their high school days he and Sandy were always very kind! We are very sorry about Dick's passing and are sending prayers to Sandy and the family as they grieve! With kind regards, Pat and George Bell

Pat Bell - January 17, 2022 at 03:51 PM

BB

“ The Hutson family lived right behind our house growing up in Libertyville. I often think about how gracious Dick and Sandy were to let my friends and I play basketball right next to their house until late into the summer nights. Not once did they tell us to keep it down or knock it off (even though my Dad did a few times). Later in life, Dick became more of a mentor to me. He helped me in business as much as anyone in my life. He was always rooting for me and willing to discuss what was going on in my life. He made a great impact on me. I will always remember him for being gracious, generous and admirable.

Bill Brudenell - January 17, 2022 at 02:55 PM

SM

“ Dick was a great friend of our family, a mentor and a role model for me growing up in Libertyville. I deeply admired and looked up to him during my critical years as a young man. Although he will be missed, he lived such a deep life that had an impact on so many people, in a sense he really does live on through all of us.

Steve Manthei - January 17, 2022 at 11:37 AM

JC

“ I remember Dick and Sandy, as a dedicated and a bright young couple.

Judy Friedes- Craig

Judy Friedes Craig - January 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Hutson.



January 16, 2022 at 04:44 PM

JH

“ I'm one of the Fraternity friends from Ball State who has memories that are cherished and endless. This morning I sliced my bagel with one of the many gifts Dick gave Jody and me. Dick stayed in our Florida home and we created memories with 15 other guys we called great friends every other January during retirement.

On July 15, 2021 Dick and I met at the Indiana Dunes Park and sat on a bench and talked from 10 a.m. to 2:30 pm about life. We decided we could not fly together to see our friend Paul but we could meet together and share our lives.

What a treasure Dick was to my life....I love this man.

I'll see Dick in heaven and if there's a fishing contest there he will organize it.

Jim Horein

James Horein - January 16, 2022 at 12:51 PM

BH

Thanks for the lovely comment Jim

Brennan Hutson - January 16, 2022 at 04:45 PM

SB

Our family lived next door to Dick and Ssny when they first moved to Libertyville . We were blessed to have their friendship over the years as they shared their family with us. The memories, laughter and warmth will always be with us. This man's life was truly one to celebrate! Our love to all the family from the Kidwells.

Sally Kidwell Beake - January 17, 2022 at 09:51 PM

SH

Dear Kristin,

I would be surprised if you would remember me from Fourthcomers. However, we met in 1996 at Fourth Pres. and you proved to be a welcoming and kind Christian.

You have my sincerest sympathies on the passing of your father. I am not sure I knew then of your Hoosier blood. But I consider that something of which to be proud.

I am so happy to learn that you have chosen the ministry! I know from my own family what an immense responsibility it is to be a steward of the Lord.

Having lost my own dad about Memorial Day, I can completely empathize with your grief.

May the Peace of God be with you all. Now and always.

Faithfully,

*Scott A. Horning
Evanston, IL.*

Scott A. Horning - January 17, 2022 at 11:36 PM

ON

Dick and I were fraternity brothers at Ball State, thereafter, friends and partners in many activities ranging from serving on BSU boards and committees, strategic planning and raising funds for various people and organizations, attending sporting events, exchanging book reading advice, organizing gatherings, bemoaning politics and so on. You had to run hard to keep up with him. His appetite for helping people was insatiable.

The world was a better place because he was amongst us. Dick will be missed by many and remembered by many as a good example of how much one person can accomplish with energy, commitment, intelligence and good will. Oz Nelson

Oz Nelson - January 18, 2022 at 04:48 PM

PS

Dick & Sandy and Sully & I shared the same date for our wedding anniversaries and celebrated many times going out for dinne. The extensive list of all of his charity work is so important and reminds me to continue mine. Always a gentleman, kind and thoughtful he will be sorely missed. A terrific example of how we all should be. Rest In Peace dear friend, and God Bless you & Sandy and your family, Big prayers coming your way. Love and hugs to Sandy!

Phyllis Sullivan - January 18, 2022 at 05:57 PM

LH

When we were children, Dick and I lived very close to each other and from kindergarten on, we were in the same class. We were best buddies along with a couple of others in our age group. My favorite memory is when I was in 4-H and had enrolled in too many projects. Time was slipping up on me and I still had to finish a piece of furniture before the County Fair. Dick and two of our friends came to help me. The project got a purple ribbon locally and went on to the State Fair where it got a blue ribbon. After reading his obituary and comments from people from his later life, I see that he never lost the need to help someone. My heart is broken because I won't have a chance to see him again, but I'm forever grateful that I have so many wonderful childhood memories.

Lynne Crandall Hess

Lynne C. Hess - January 20, 2022 at 05:46 PM

BL

The Lutzes have loving memories of long time friend Dick and their whole family, Barry met Dick at Jaycees in Libertyville in about 1966. Over the years we shared many bus trips to football game, parties and dance club, Dick made sure we all had a wonderful time. He will be fondly remembered as a wonderful close friend and neighbor.

Barry and Jeri Lutz

Barry Lutz - January 21, 2022 at 08:10 PM