



Richard Tobin

November 27, 1919 - December 19, 2009

Richard C. Tobin passed away December 11, 2009. He was born November 27, 1919 in Peoria, IL to James and Elizabeth Tobin and married Roberta Cheney in 1943 in San Francisco. Dick is survived by his loving wife, Roberta Tobin of Willis, TX; daughter Margaret (Maggie) Brokaw and husband Chuck of Willis, TX; grandchildren Jeffrey (Audra) Brokaw of Cedar Park, TX, Michelle (Patrick) Lesley of Pearland, TX, and Monique (Don) Holland-Thompson of San Antonio, TX; and great-grandchildren Paiton and Tatum Brokaw, Jack and Tara Lesley, Marilyn and Lance Holland. He is preceded in death by his daughter Marilyn Tobin Fergusson and her husband Donald; grandson Joseph Brokaw; and granddaughter, Ann Margaret. Dick loved to travel and had been all over the world with his wife, but he particularly enjoyed coming to Texas to see his grandchildren. He was in the restaurant business since he was 16 years old, and was the owner of Little Chef and Tobin Drive In, in Bloomington, IL. He was also in the plumbing business in Peoria, IL. Dick moved to Willis, TX in March 2009 to be with his daughter and husband and grandchildren. He was loved by all and will be greatly missed. Special thanks to the caregivers and staff of Above and Beyond Assisted Living and Hospice Nurses and Aides for all their care. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, December 19 at 2 PM in the Chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis. Burial will be held at a later date in Normal, IL. You are invited to leave a written condolence to the family on our website at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Tobin*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dick will be missed by many here in Bloomington-Normal...He was always happy, quick witted and just alot of fun to be around...My deepest sympathy goes to Roberta and the rest of Dick's family..*

Verma Lowery - December 22, 2009 at 12:31 AM



“ *Maggie, I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. It was so good that you got the opportunity to spend some time with him after his move here. My prayers go out to you and your family, may God hold you all close during this time.*

Judy Regil - December 17, 2009 at 01:00 PM



“ *Roberta and family, I am truly sorry to hear about the passing of Dick. You both have been part of family since before I was born, and I love you all. I know my Grandma Ferguson (and Grandpa) loved being your friends, and that you all did so much together. You all mean the world to me, and I pray God looks down on all of you with his blessings. Thanksgiving will never be the same now that Dick is gone, but I know he is smiling brightly in heaven looking after all of you. May God grant you peace and love during this time. Love always, Randy Lessen*

Randy Lessen - December 17, 2009 at 10:18 AM

WW

“ *Roberta and family: We were very sorry to read the news in the Pantagraph and remember the fun times we had on the Cruise with you folks. WE appreciate all both of you contributed to Western Avenue which was so much appreciated by the people there. It is great that you are with your beloved family and where it is warm. Our deepest sympathy to you and take care. Wayne and Lynn Warner*

Wayne and Lynn Warner - December 17, 2009 at 09:07 AM

GK

“ *Roberta and family, It was with sadness that I read of Richard's passing. We had just been talking about the two of you just recently, and were wondering where you were. I'm so glad that you could be with Margaret at this time. We pray that you will enjoy all of those happy memories you have and be comforted somewhat by them and your family. It won't be easy, but you are a strong person and have been through many trials. God Bless you and you all have our deepest sympathy. Good by dear friend and neighbor. Rest in peace.*

Ginger (Durflinger)Campbell and Keith - December 16, 2009 at 01:10 PM

KW

“ *Roberta, I was so sorry to read about Dick in the Pantagraph. It was my pleasure every Wednesday morning to go roller skating & you were there. We had so much fun & laughter... You are in my thoughts & prayers. Please take care. Loving thoughts are with you..Karen White*

Karen White - December 16, 2009 at 12:24 PM

CE

“ Roberta, we were so sorry to have read the article about Dick in the Pantagraph. You folks have been greatly missed at Miller Park and The Western Avenue. The last time we were at the Senior Center for dinner The Girls played " I left My Heart in San Francisco" for the Tobins. You are all in our hearts in Bloomington.

You will be remembered in our prayers. God Bless You and Your Family.

To Our Great Friends

Carl(Bud) and Florence Ekstam

Carl & Florence Ekstam - December 16, 2009 at 12:12 PM

MG

“ We had the great pleasure of sharing a trip to Asahikawa, Japan with Richard and Roberta. What a delightful couple to have as traveling companions. Always cheerful and smiling. Richard was a remarkable, caring, kind man. We send our deepest condolences to Roberta and the family.

MaryJean and Rich Godfrey - December 16, 2009 at 10:01 AM

GR

“ My deepest sympathies to Roberta and family as we have all lost a dear friend, an accomplished businessman, and one of the best cooks I have had the pleasure of gaining weight from. Dick and Roberta are icons in B/N and the only thing that made it tolerable when they left was the knowledge that they were doing what they loved to do. Again my deepest condolences to you folks and GOD BLESS your family with the strength to see you through these murky times. GODS SPEED LITTLE CHEF.

George Rehker - December 16, 2009 at 08:17 AM

TW

“Maggie, I just want you to know that you and your Mom are in our prayers and thoughts at this time. Please hang in there for your Mom she need syou now and I am here if you need me! I know I havent told you this before but Maggie We love you and you are truely a great friend.

Tonya and Robert White

Tonya White - December 15, 2009 at 12:49 PM