



Richard John Tepen

November 11, 1933 - June 11, 2021

Richard John Tepen, age 87 of Bowling Green, passed away Friday, June 11, 2021 at his residence, with his family by his side.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at the St. Clement Catholic Church in St. Clement with Rev. Jason T. Doke, STL officiating and Rev. Louis Dorn concelebrating. Burial and military honors will be held in the St. Clement Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9:00 am until time of services on Wednesday at the church.

Richard John Tepen was born November 11, 1933, the son of Emil and Clara (Luebrecht) Tepen. He attended St. Clement Grade School and graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1951. He was a member of the United States Army and was stationed in Korea from September 1954 – July 1956. On October 24, 1959 he was united in marriage to Judith Ann Lenk of Silex, MO. She survives.

Richard and Judy are the parents of five children and their families; daughter Phyllis Shaw of Washington, MO, grandson Luke Shaw (fiancé Keli Welch), granddaughter Melanie Diebal, great grandchildren Hailey Diebal and Parker Diebal; son Edward Tepen of Mexico, MO; daughter Janice Martin (Greg) of Centralia, MO, grandson Tyler Martin (Jasmine), and granddaughter Katie Guymon (Kayden); daughter Doris Twellman (Tony) of Bowling Green, MO,

grandchildren Adam Twellman, Grace Twellman, and Will Twellman; son Donnie Tepen (Darlene), granddaughter Kayla Caldwell (Justin), great grandchildren Austen and Charlie Caldwell, granddaughter Ashley Cox (Ryan) and great grandchild Archie Cox.

Also surviving are siblings Virgil Tepen (Rosemary), Mary Carol Niemeyer (Fred), Fred Tepen (Debby), Bob Tepen (Marcia), and Jim Tepen (Linda); sister-in-law Vallie Tepen; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Lawrence Tepen, David Tepen, and George Tepen.

Richard farmed with his father and brothers. He was an active member of the St. Clement Catholic Church, as well as the Knights of Columbus where he served as a 4th Degree Knight. He also belonged to the VFW Post 5553 in Bowling Green.

Richard stayed very active and enjoyed doing many things. He enjoyed playing fast-pitch softball in his younger years, he enjoyed croquet, bowling, card-playing (Pitch, Pinochle), and played lots of golf in his retirement.

Although he liked the football Cardinals and the St. Louis Rams, his biggest professional sports team support went to the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball team.

Having resided on the Meyer farm near St. Clement all of their married life and building a new home on the farm in 1977, Richard loved the country life and enjoyed living close to his family. You could find Rich and Judy's home easily, all you had to do was look for the palm trees in the front yard.

He enjoyed watching his grandchildren grow and visiting with family and

friends.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be grandchildren Luke Shaw, Melanie Diebal, Tyler Martin, Katie Guymon, Adam Twellman, Grace Twellman, Will Twellman, Kayla Caldwell, and Ashley Cox.

Serving as special honorary pallbearers will be Eddie Bybee and Bill Baxter.

Memorials may be made to St. Clement Church or Pike County Home Health and Hospice.

Cemetery Details

St. Clement Cemetery

St. Clement, MO

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 16. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Clement Catholic Church
21509 Hwy 161
Bowling Green, MO 63334
<http://www.stclementmo.org>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

JUN 16. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Clement Cemetery
St. Clement, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard John Tepen.* ”



June 15, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ *Bob and I are so sorry for the Tepen Family and the loss of Rich. He was such a wonderful part of the St. Clements community. His ready smile and quiet sense of humor was a blessing to all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him. May he live on eternally in his wife Judy's fond memories, the life of their children, his brothers and sister and in the community where he chose to spend his life. Friends, Bob Niemeyer and Judy Moss-Niemeyer.* ”

Judy Moss-Niemeyer - June 15, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ *Sporlan Division Parker Hannifin - Marketing Dept. purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Your memory is..." for the family of Richard John Tepen.* ”



Sporlan Division Parker Hannifin - Marketing Dept. - June 15, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard John Tepen.*



June 15, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard John Tepen.*



June 15, 2021 at 07:25 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Richard John Tepen.*



June 14, 2021 at 09:24 PM



“ *Rich was a mainstay of the community. He will be missed by so many. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Margie Jamieson - June 14, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Richard John Tepen.



June 14, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Richard John Tepen.



June 14, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden* was purchased for the family of Richard John Tepen.



June 14, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ *Gale Knight lit a candle in memory of Richard John Tepen*



Gale Knight - June 13, 2021 at 01:42 PM

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*Praying for the family
God Bless*

Gale Knight - June 13, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of
Richard John Tepen.*



June 13, 2021 at 11:37 AM

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“ *Judy , Phyllis and family , you are in my
thoughts and prayers . Wanda Hunter*



WANDA HUNTER - June 13, 2021 at 10:58 AM

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“ *Tom-jean Dempsey sent a virtual gift in
memory of Richard John Tepen*



tom-jean dempsey - June 13, 2021 at 10:23 AM

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“ *My Sincere Sympathy*

Deanie Ebers - June 13, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard John Tepen.* ”



June 12, 2021 at 03:51 PM