



## Richard "Dick" Reese

August 9, 1955 - May 31, 2022

Richard M. "Dick" Reese of Walkerton, IN, passed away on May 31, 2022.

Dick was born on August 9, 1955, in Plymouth, IN, to Robert (Bob) and Melba Reese. Dick graduated from John Glenn High School in 1973, and continued his education at Ball State University with a Bachelor's in secondary education and a Master's degree and Ed.S from Indiana University.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James Reese. Dick is survived by his wife Cathy; a brother Gene (Marsha) Reese of Walkerton and a sister Patty (Tim) Grace of Plymouth; three children, Adam (Kristy) Reese of Lafayette, IN, Diane (Nick) Brusius of Mesa, AZ, and Eric (Carole Marchand) Reese of Paris, France; five grandchildren, Allison and Vincent Reese, and Natalie, Tyler, and Katelyn Brusius; and large extended family.

Dick was a longtime resident of Walkerton and member of the United Methodist Church. He dedicated his life to giving to others. He had a passion for kids and education, starting his career as a teacher in Chesterton and then as an Assistant Principal in Knox. He then returned to serve his alma mater for 35 years as principal and superintendent with the John Glenn School Corporation. The ultimate Falcon fan, he was a constant presence and supporter of John Glenn athletics and education and spent his favorite hours at athletic and academic events all over Northern Indiana.

Dick loved spending time with his family and friends. He was an avid sports lover beginning from his early years growing up in Tyner, IN. He played baseball, basketball, and ran cross country for John Glenn. He then carried on

his love of sports supporting student athletes, encouraging his children, and cheering on the Chicago White Sox. Most recently he enjoyed watching his legacy continue with his grandkids' many activities.

Visitation will be held at Urey Middle School, 407 Washington St. Walkerton on Sunday, June 5th from 2:00 PM (EDT) to 7:00 PM (EDT). Funeral will be on Monday June 6th at 1:00 PM (EDT) at Urey Middle School. There will be no visitation on Monday prior to the funeral.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the John Glenn Education Foundation or John Glenn Athletic Department at 101 John Glenn Dr., Walkerton, IN.

# Cemetery Details

## Tyner Cemetery

Tyner, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harold C Urey Middle School  
407 Washington St  
Walkerton, IN 46574-1025  
(574) 586-3184

## Funeral Service

JUN 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Urey Middle School

## Burial

JUN 6.

Tyner Cemetery  
Tyner, IN

# Tribute Wall



TK

“ *My thoughts go back to happy school days with Dick those wonderful years. I will stop out and see you this week. Since I got this liver I avoid any crowds sorry I did not attend the service. My thoughts and prayers with you all. Wonder what the score of the ball game he is in now is.*

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**tim kazanecki** - June 07, 2022 at 08:39 AM



“ *Sports Report from Heaven  
Dick is playing on Apostle Paul's Baseball team and is battling  
1,000 with 2 HR and 4 RBI's  
Dave,  
BFF*

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**David McKee** - June 06, 2022 at 09:01 PM

MH

“ My fondest personal memory of Dick is when our special needs daughter started riding the school bus at age 3 and needed a car seat because she would fall asleep. He told the bus driver point blank to get whatever was needed. Then when she could walk Dick had the driver change her route so she would not have to cross the street. To us it was more than a professional decision. We knew he truly cared.

*Dick was a fantastic superintendent, and I am thankful to have been able to teach under his leadership. A standout memory is the presentations he put together for the first day of school each year. Several still stand out in my mind including the video of Dick Hoyt who pushed his quadriplegic son in marathons and triathlons to the song "I Know My Redeemer Lives." And the special presentation of Eric's teaching experience in South Korea. I used excerpts of these in my teaching, and still share with others today. He was passionate about making a difference, and helped us realize what an opportunity we had to make a difference, too.*

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**Marlene Hadden** - June 05, 2022 at 10:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Reese.



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June 05, 2022 at 11:06 AM

TB

“ Cathy, I was saddened when I heard the news and send our sincerest condolences.

*Richard “Dick” Reese was one of my first customers when I started my career in Educational Sales over 30 years ago. No matter when I stopped to visit with him at Urey and later at the Superintendent’s office he always took time no matter how busy he was.*

*Another thing that impressed me about “Principal Reese” was how he seemed to know all the students. During passing periods he would stand in the hall and call them by name, make a positive comment and bring a smile to everyone around.*

*Dick will be missed but his positive contributions to the students he served will allow his legacy to live forever.*

*Our thoughts and prayers to the Reese family.  
Tim and Naomi Brantley*

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Timothy Brantley - June 04, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Reese.



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June 04, 2022 at 04:34 PM

RG

“ We send you our sympathy, to the family, of a great man.  
Most sincerely,  
Ren and Beverly Van Gilder



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Ren and Beverly Van Gilder - June 04, 2022 at 11:32 AM

PR

“ I remember pushing Richard on a serving cart when he was three years old, visiting us on the farm with Bob and Melba. DICK was always so kind, Your a good man CHARLIE BROWN, (RICHARD REESE). A GENTLEMAN. Paul & Lynda Rupel

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Paul Rupel - June 04, 2022 at 11:12 AM



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



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June 04, 2022 at 09:45 AM



“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Reese.



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June 04, 2022 at 08:53 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Reese.*



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June 03, 2022 at 06:48 PM



“ *The Martindale Family sends their condolences to Cathy and her family. We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Cathy's husband, Dick. May God bless you with many happy memories as you walk through this valley.*

*Julie and Doug Martindale (Matthew's parents)*

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**Julie Martindale** - June 03, 2022 at 05:05 PM



“ *To Cathy and the entire Reese Family, We are so saddened to learn of Dick's passing. He was the most vigorous and ardent supporter of everything John Glenn. All of us , kids and parents, benefitted because we knew Dick Reese. I'll miss his laugh and those chance encounters that always left you feeling better about everything because you saw him. Peace my friend.*

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**Jeff and Angie Buysse** - June 03, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Reese.*



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June 03, 2022 at 04:24 PM



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



June 03, 2022 at 02:58 PM



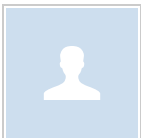
“ On behalf of the TCU Business Services Team, we would like to extend our deepest condolences for the loss of such an impactful and dynamic leader. Dick's positive contributions to public education will be felt for generations to come. May Dick's memory be a blessing to his family and all who loved him.

**Anne Feferman** - June 03, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ We are deeply saddened by his loss to his family. Cathy was so good to us when my own father was at his end of days. I've known Dick almost my whole life. Prayers and peace to you all.  
-Amy Burch, Dominic Palmitessa, Eric and Callie Ruth Burch.

**Amy Butch** - June 03, 2022 at 11:16 AM



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



June 03, 2022 at 09:58 AM

KL

“ *Cathy and Family,*

*My dear friend, my heart breaks with the loss of Dick. He filled any room with his presence, and was never at a loss for words! He will be remembered fondly by so so many people in your lives, as a loving, kind, caring, devoted, dedicated, generous, (treating us for our breakfast get togethers), family oriented, and on and on, all around GOOD GUY! He will be so missed. You were blessed with many good years together. He has a great legacy in his family to carry on in his name. May you all find peace and comfort during these most difficult days, and those ahead. Prayers for all.*



*Love,  
Kathy & Mike*

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**Kathy Van Lue** - June 03, 2022 at 09:23 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Reese.*



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June 03, 2022 at 06:49 AM

KN

“ To the Reese family, my deepest condolences. I will never forget being a struggling 7th grade student and sitting with Mr Reese. He was encouraging, kind and loving. I went on to love school and my time at Urey and then John Glenn. I believe his love and kindness paved the way. I will miss seeing his friendly face and big smile. All my love to his family and friends . What a legacy he lived! I believe he will hear the words " well done my good and faithful servant".

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**Kristen Nicks** - June 03, 2022 at 03:45 AM



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



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June 02, 2022 at 09:00 PM

RM

“ Cathy, Adam and Family please know our prayers are w you. Dick will be dearly missed!! His legacy of generosity and love for the Falcons and Athletics will be with us forever. The Millers are grateful to have had so many good memories and time with Dick. We are still in shock but will always remember his smile Sat at the Baseball Sectional. Championship . His support is unmatched !  
Love,  
Rob, Vikki and the Miller Fam

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**Rob Miller** - June 02, 2022 at 07:46 PM

MK

“ *Kathy and family*

*I'm so sorry to hear about your husband. He will be missed dearly.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you 🙏 and your family*

*Malinda King*

*Your next door neighbor*

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**Malinda King** - June 01, 2022 at 08:04 PM