

Richard Rockne Bitter

April 4, 1931 - November 14, 2019

Richard Rockne Bitter, 88, of Evansville, passed away Thursday, November 14, 2019 at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville.

Richard was born April 4, 1931 in Evansville to the late Ronald Emil and Ruth E. (Clark) Bitter. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving during the Korean War retired from Alcoa where he worked in the maintenance department. Richard was a lifelong member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church; an active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a member of the Tri-State Wood Carvers Association. He enjoyed spending his summers fishing and camping at the lake with his family.

Surviving are two daughters, Cathy (Steve) Manning and Theresa (David) Martin; four sons, Richard (Karen) Bitter, Greg Bitter, Matt Bitter and Kevin Bitter; grandchildren, Chris Manning, Aaron Manning, Heather Brown, Jake Martin, Chelsea Johnson, Rayne Bitter, Brynn Barnaby, Shane Bitter, Luke and Seth as well as fifteen great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by the love of his life and wife of 60 years, Carolyn (Steckler) Bitter in 2013; by a sister, Martha McCoy and brother, Ronnie Bitter.

There will be a memorial mass held at 10:00 AM on Monday, November 18,

2019 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Rev. Stephen Lintzenich. The Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites. Private entombment will be held in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 until 4:00 PM on Sunday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, 767 E. Walnut Street, Evansville, IN 47713.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV 17. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Memorial Gathering

NOV 18. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
918 West Mill Road
Evansville, IN

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Rockne Bitter*



Pierre Funeral Home - November 16, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“ *Richard Rockne Bitter*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *I was going through some old newspapers recently and saw that Dick had passed. I am so sorry for this family's loss. He was a dear, kind man. He helped me with my woodcarving endeavors and kept my knives sharp for me. The last time I saw him he sent me home with a bunch of carving books. I remember one time I took him a pineapple upside down cake as he said that was one of his favorites. He had been on my mind lately and felt I should call him. I'm sorry I didn't, but I will remember him always as the dear kind man that he was.*

Barbara Kennedy

Barbara Kennedy - December 12, 2019 at 05:07 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Mark McCoy - November 16, 2019 at 03:49 PM

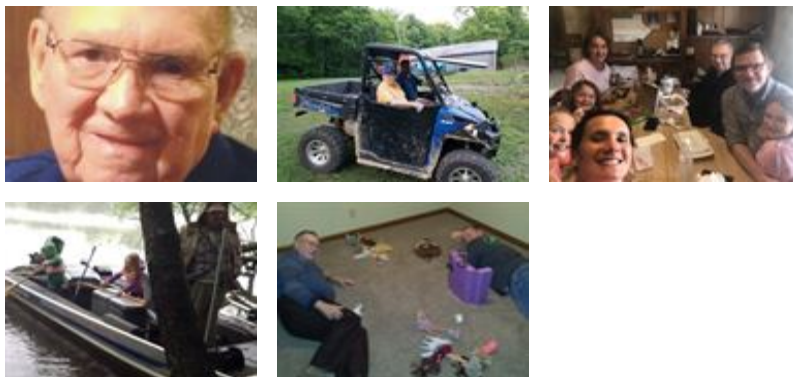
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“ Sorry for your loss. Your mom and dad were great friends to my mom. I remember getting to know them when they started coming to my mom's ceramic shop down on the corner, they were both very talented. I'm not sure how many of your dad's carvings we have but there are truly works of art. Some of his carvings are out year round, but I'll think of both of your parents every Christmas when we put out his Santa carvings.
Pat and Rhonda Carter

Pat Carter - November 16, 2019 at 10:54 AM



“ 88 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pierre Funeral Home - November 16, 2019 at 10:22 AM

PP

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Bitter. He would come in to my place of employment at Deaconess Home Medical Equipment. I always enjoyed assisting him. He was a dear sweet man. I will miss his visits to our store. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this very difficult time.

Phyllis Pyle - November 16, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Richard Rockne Bitter.



November 15, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Rockne Bitter.



November 15, 2019 at 05:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Rockne Bitter.



November 15, 2019 at 02:39 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mark McCoy - November 15, 2019 at 01:07 PM

Brynn
Barnaby

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Brynn Barnaby - November 15, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Rockne Bitter.



November 14, 2019 at 09:29 PM