



Richard Lee Graves Sr.

August 30, 1949 - February 20, 2025

Richard Lee “Woody” Graves, Sr, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

Woody was born on August 30, 1949, in Plymouth, Indiana. He worked as a service manager at Uniseal for 47 years before retiring in 2015. Woody enjoyed playing golf, spot shoots, watching NASCAR, listening to Elvis, traveling, and visiting the casino. But more than anything, he enjoyed his grandchildren and attending their events. He was affectionately known as “Papaw Bird” to his grandchildren.

Surviving Woody are his wife of 56 years, Jackie Graves; three sons and their wives, Rich L., Jr and Kelly Graves, Scott and Cheryl Graves and Randy “Tater” and Betty Graves; two sisters, Nancy (Gary) Boucherie and Dottie Bamberger; a brother, Tommy (Liz) Tooley, five grandchildren, Roman, Roarke, Rhanda, Zoe and Humphrey Graves.

Woody was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Dorothy (Gelkey) Tooley; sister, Libby Weiss and brother, James Graves.

Funeral services will be held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at Pierre Funeral Home, Rev. Terry Gamblin officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 PM until service time on Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

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

Cemetery Details

Evansville Crematory

318 N. Lemcke Ave.
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard Lee Graves Sr.*



Pierre Funeral Home - February 26, 2025 at 06:52 PM



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Lee Graves Sr.*



Pierre Funeral Home - February 26, 2025 at 11:04 AM

WR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



William A Robbins - February 26, 2025 at 01:57 PM

WR

Courtesy of Al & Sadie Smagata.- Al, Woody, Rocco & Les

William A Robbins - February 26, 2025 at 02:16 PM



“ 305 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - February 26, 2025 at 10:59 AM

AC

“ *Andy & Cathy Christie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Lee Graves Sr..*



Andy & Cathy Christie - February 26, 2025 at 10:53 AM

AC

“ *Andy & Cathy Christie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lee Graves Sr..*

Andy & Cathy Christie - February 26, 2025 at 10:53 AM

TC

“ The AB Brown Insulator Crew purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Lee Graves Sr..



The AB Brown Insulator Crew - February 26, 2025 at 08:23 AM

TC

“ The AB Brown Insulator Crew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lee Graves Sr..

The AB Brown Insulator Crew - February 26, 2025 at 08:23 AM

FG

“ Woody hired me and Uniseal 10 years ago to join his team , I really enjoyed being around Woody he was always in a good mood and the stories he can tell , what a road warrior , he will be missed.

Fred Golubski

Fred Golubski - February 25, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Graves Sr..



February 25, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Lee Graves Sr..

February 25, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ From The McCray Family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Lee Graves Sr..



From The McCray Family. - February 25, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ From The McCray Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lee Graves Sr..

From The McCray Family. - February 25, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ Much Love Dotty and family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Richard Lee Graves Sr..



Much Love Dotty and family - February 25, 2025 at 09:49 AM

BR

“ Bill, Dorothy,Bill JR & Jessica Robbins purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Richard Lee Graves Sr..



Bill, Dorothy,Bill JR & Jessica Robbins - February 25, 2025 at 09:31 AM

BR

“ Bill, Dorothy,Bill JR & Jessica Robbins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lee Graves Sr..

Bill, Dorothy,Bill JR & Jessica Robbins - February 25, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Graves Sr..



February 24, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Lee Graves Sr..

February 24, 2025 at 10:11 AM

CL

“ Scott Graves and family., So sorry for your loss,I guess we have finally hit that "older stage in life . May your daddy rest in peace.
Cathy connelly Lamar and family

Cathy lamar - February 23, 2025 at 03:44 PM

CF

“ My condolences to Richard's family.
"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen"



CATHY FUNKHOUSER - February 23, 2025 at 02:47 PM

JN

“ Jackie & Family, my deepest condolences to you at this time.
Richard (Woody) was a great guy and friend. I always enjoyed talking to him and share a lot of great memories over the years. He could always make me laugh. There was never any doubt on how much he loved his family. He will truly be missed.

Jeff Nance - February 23, 2025 at 08:46 AM

JN

“ Jeff & Diane Nance purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Lee Graves Sr..



Jeff & Diane Nance - February 23, 2025 at 08:39 AM

JN

“ Jeff & Diane Nance planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lee Graves Sr..

Jeff & Diane Nance - February 23, 2025 at 08:39 AM

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Big Al - February 22, 2025 at 09:41 PM

SG

*AL
We've never met personally but talking to my Dad over the years your name came up a lot And I know he valued your friendship a great deal.*

scott graves - February 23, 2025 at 08:44 AM

TS

“ Dear Jackie and Family,

I first met Woody (Hollywood) in fall of 87. I had the privilege of working in the R&D with a great group. Woody could always find something to laugh or joke about. He taught me a lot about how to get things done but have a good time doing it. I will really miss him.

Todd Scott

Todd Scott - February 22, 2025 at 12:38 PM

SG

Thank you Todd. I know Dad always thought a lot about you.

scott graves - February 23, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Graves Sr..*



February 22, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Lee Graves Sr..

February 22, 2025 at 10:25 AM

EL

“ *Eu n jin lee purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard Lee Graves Sr..*



Eu n jin lee - February 22, 2025 at 09:53 AM

EL

“ *Eu n jin lee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lee Graves Sr..*

Eu n jin lee - February 22, 2025 at 09:53 AM

TF

“ *The Sammet Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard Lee Graves Sr..*



The Sammet Family - February 22, 2025 at 08:26 AM

AS

“ *Al & Sadie Smagata purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Lee Graves Sr..*



Al & Sadie Smagata - February 21, 2025 at 09:50 PM

AS

“ *Al & Sadie Smagata planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lee Graves Sr..*

Al & Sadie Smagata - February 21, 2025 at 09:50 PM

RG

“ *R.I.P. Woody, Be sure to rock with Elvis.*

Rocco Gualtieri - February 21, 2025 at 08:47 PM

MB

“ *So sorry Jackie for your loss. Please know I have and your family in my prayers.*

Mary Jo Borst - February 21, 2025 at 08:26 PM