



Richard Eugene Deakins

November 3, 1939 - January 7, 2024

Richard E. Deakins (Deak), age 84, passed away peacefully joining Heaven's track and field team on Sunday, January 7, 2024, at Witham Memorial Hospital in Lebanon. He was born November 3, 1939, in Greenfield, Indiana to William A. and B. Gertrude (Youngs) Deakins.

Deak was a 1959 graduate of Lebanon High School where he once held the school record for the fastest time in the low hurdles as captain of the track and field team.

He met the love of his life, Mary Rose Belt, in 1957 and they married on August 14, 1959, celebrating 64 years of marriage in 2023.

Deak shared his love of cars with those who crossed his path while spending close to 50 years working in the auto parts business, most notably at NAPA Auto Parts (H & H Automotive) in Lebanon. He also spent time working at Miller Auto, Kincaid Auto, Gene Lewis Ford, Commercial Filters, Big A Auto Parts and Witham Memorial Hospital.

Deak lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures; attending family sporting events, working on and buying classic cars, singing karaoke, listening to classic country music, and cheering on his beloved Indiana Pacers, Indianapolis Colts and Purdue University.

Deak had an uncanny ability to make people laugh with his “age appropriate” jokes and found great joy in sharing a meal with family and friends. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

Those left to cherish his memory include wife, Mary Rose; daughters, Marcia (Mike) Mustin and Lisa (Brock) Hesler; grandchildren, Courtney (Kyle) Henry, Ryan (Christina) Deakins, Brittany (Josh) Whitman, Nicholas Deakins, Bradley (Trisha) Mustin, Cayla (Mark) Walker, Katlyn (Terry) Krueger and Blake Hesler; great grandchildren, Owen, Jackson, Shelby, Bristol, Broden, Paityn, Sebastian, Silver-Noel, Lily, Piper, Makenna, Haley, Quincy and Janey; brother, Gary (Bonnie) Deakins; sister, Marilyn Lowery; brother-in-law, Bob Doan; and several nieces and nephews.

Deak was predeceased in death by his parents; son Ricky Deakins; brother Earvin Deakins; sister Sue Doan; and brother-in-law Max Lowery.

The family will host a Celebration of life on Sunday, February 11, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 113, 1020 Hendricks Drive in Lebanon. Myers Mortuary and Boone County Crematory have been entrusted with his cremation arrangements.

To honor a life well lived, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Deak’s memory to LHS Athletics 510 Tiger Way, Lebanon, IN 46052 or a charity of the donor’s choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

American Legion Post #113
1020 Hendricks Drive
Lebanon, IN 46052

Tribute Wall

ED

“ *Emery Denison lit a candle in memory of Richard Eugene Deakins*



Emery Denison - February 12, 2024 at 03:00 PM

JW

“ *I'm So Sorry for UR Loss*

Julie Winegard - January 16, 2024 at 08:20 PM

DJ

“ *Many good memories of Richard.
So sorry to hear of his passing. Condolences to all the family.*

Delbert Davis Jr - January 10, 2024 at 09:15 AM

KL

“ *Marcia and Lisa, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. Please know that there are many of us who cared about him and will continue to care about you and your families. If you need anything, please feel free to contact me. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Karen Lasley - January 09, 2024 at 10:24 PM

KL

“ *Mary Rose, I am so sorry to hear about Deak. What a great guy he was. Always enjoyed stopping and talking to both of you when you were sitting out. If you need anything, I am always close by. God Bless You and may Deak Rest in Peace.*

Karen Lasley - January 09, 2024 at 10:21 PM

SC

“ *Many good memories of Deak in our high school days. He was the first to have his driver's license and was our neighborhood chauffeur to school. He was, by far, the fastest track athlete in our class! RIP Deak. My sympathy to his family. Stan Collins*

Stan Collins - January 09, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF THE PASING OF RICHARD.....THE FAMILY IS IN OUR THOUGHT AND PRAYERS... MAY GOD BE WITH YOU NOW AND IN THE HARD DAYS TO COME....



Linda Stuteville - January 08, 2024 at 10:09 PM

SB

“ *Sally Byrd lit a candle in memory of Richard Eugene Deakins*



Sally Byrd - January 08, 2024 at 05:22 PM

GA

“ *George & Pam Alexandet sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Eugene Deakins*



George & Pam Alexandet - January 08, 2024 at 05:05 PM