



Richard Whaley

September 11, 1935 - January 15, 2024

Richard "Dick" Whaley, 88, of Niagara, passed away Monday, January 15, 2024, at Marshfield Medical Center - Dickinson Hospital.

Dick was born on Sept. 11, 1935, along with his twin brother, Robert, in Hudson, Michigan. He was the son of the late Harold and Rose Whaley. Dick graduated from Traverse City High School in 1953. He married Mary Helen Majszak, and they had six children: Kevin, Keith, Ann, Chris, Kelley and Lisa. In 1974 Dick married Lois (Walstrom) Doda. They were married for over 40 years before Lois passed away in 2017.

He held many jobs in Lower Michigan and then was hired as a serviceman for Michigan Consolidated Gas Company. As he worked his way up in the company, he was promoted to district manager and moved to Kingsford to assume his new responsibilities. After 36 years at Mich. Con., (which is now DTE), Dick retired on June 1, 1994. Along with his job at DTE, Dick and his wife, Lois, had owned the Golden Eagle Motel & Campground in Spread Eagle.

Dick was a storyteller. He knew so many people through working at the DTE and belonging to the Kiwanis club. Many of his stories were about his life experiences at work, and he proudly wore a ring to commemorate his years of service for DTE. Dick also helped at the American Martyrs Church, being that

they lived only one block away. He was proud of the fact that his sons served as altar boys.

Faith was an important part of Dick's life. He was always the one to say grace at family meals. Many of Dick's friends benefited from his generosity. As someone acknowledged his giving nature, Dick commented that it was through God's will that he was able to be generous.

Dick is survived by his children, Kevin (Tina) Whaley, Keith Whaley, Ann Rodriguez, Chris (Jeannie) Whaley, Kelley Whaley and Lisa (Jim) Bellmore; stepchildren, Kay (Jim) Hendrickson, Luanne (Jerry) Pukall, Jay Doda, Tina Doda and Scott (Kathy) Doda; and his sister, Helen (Ralph) Altweis. Dick is also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Dick was preceded in death by his twin brother, Robert; his first wife, Mary; his parents; a sister, Elizabeth Ann; and his stepson, Todd (Judy) Doda.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to Dr. Loewen and his staff for the care they gave to him. They would also like to thank the staff at Maryhill Manor in Niagara for the compassionate care he received.

The family will be holding a private service to honor the memory of Dick Whaley.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Richard "Dick" Whaley online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Heartfelt condolences on the loss of your Dad. Hold on to your memories and let them guide you during this time of sadness.
Donna Mannigel

Donna Mannigel - January 22, 2024 at 12:36 PM

DM

“ Many years have passed since I last saw your Dad and any of you but I think of you often and pray that you are doing well. Your Dad lived a long wonderful life and I'm sure he will be missed. God bless you all. David Majszak

David. Majszak - January 20, 2024 at 03:39 PM

SH

“ Dick was a dear friend, hard worker, big smile always, always there to give a helping Hand. Just plain a great man.

Sharon Hagberg - January 20, 2024 at 09:04 AM



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



January 19, 2024 at 08:41 AM

MR

“ Miguel Rodriguez purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Richard Whaley.



Miguel Rodriguez - January 18, 2024 at 07:12 PM

MR

“ Miguel Rodriguez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Whaley.

Miguel Rodriguez - January 18, 2024 at 07:12 PM

JL

“ I love you Grandpa! you played such a big part of my life. I love you always and forever. Thank you for everything that you have done.

Jonathan Lammi - January 18, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Whaley.



January 17, 2024 at 02:10 PM

CW

“ Cindy Whaley-Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Whaley.

Cindy Whaley-Williams - January 17, 2024 at 02:10 PM

BD

“ Sorry to hear about Dick he was a great neighbor he will be missed
Bryan DeForge

bryan deforge - January 17, 2024 at 11:06 AM

MC

Like Bryan said he was a great neighbor and a very kind man.

Mike Carlton - January 18, 2024 at 12:48 PM

CL

So sorry for your loss wonderful neighbor- always with a smile.

Char / Dennis Liebergen - January 18, 2024 at 04:59 PM

MR

My sincere and heartfelt condolences. Your father was a great man
that I have many fond memories of.

Miguel Rodriguez - January 18, 2024 at 07:17 PM



“ I will miss him so very much! Such a wonderful and caring man!! Fly
high with the angels!!
Love Kathie Gardiepy-Strand

Kathie Gardiepy-Strand - January 17, 2024 at 10:45 AM