



Richard M. Priester

May 2, 1944 - April 22, 2024

Richard M. Priester, 79 of West Freedom, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2024, at Clarview Nursing Home, Sligo Pa. He was born on May 2, 1944 and was the son of the late Dick & Dorothy (Carberry) Priester of West Freedom.

On September 6, 1963 he married the love of his life, Helen L. Bowser at the Rimersburg Presbyterian Church. They remained married for 49 yrs until her passing on March 7, 2012.

He was a 1962 graduate of Oil City High School. He furthered his education by receiving a bachelor's degree in secondary education in 1966 from Clarion State College. In 1975, he continued his education earning a master's degree in Education Administration from Westminster College. He spent 35 years as an educator at North Clarion School District holding several positions over the years. He held positions as a Secondary Teacher, Elementary Teacher, and Elementary Principal and was eventually appointed as the School Superintendent. He retired from the school in 1999. After his retirement, he was able to spend time with the family which he cared for so much.

Richard was a member of the Park Hill First Church of God for many years which was only a short walk across the road. He enjoyed his time of fellowship with the members and being involved with many different ministries at the church.

Surviving are his three sons, Todd (Donna) Priester of Felton, Pa, Christopher (Debbi) Priester Sr of Clearfield, Pa, Brent (Tammy) Priester of Talbott, TN,

10 grandchildren, Craig (Kayla) Priester, Erin (Zack) Ness, Megan (Dan) Starr, Christopher Priester Jr (Liza Miller), Jeremy (Danielle) Priester, Peyton Priester (Amanda Cuff), Brittani Priester, and Courtney Priester, Alyssa (Nick) Lloyd, Lauren (Nick) Litz, 9 great-grandchildren, Aubrey and Olivia Starr; Lincoln Ness, Reid Miller, Addison, Jocelyn, and Deacon Priester, Julian Lloyd, Grayson Litz. Also surviving is a sister, Linda (Mike) Johnson, and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Park Hill First Church of God.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Park Hill First Church of God
3314 Lime Plant Rd
Parker, PA 16049-5228
(814) 358-2470

Visitation

APR **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DT

“ I graduated high school at north clarion in 85, I don't remember which class he taught but he looks familiar and I remember his name, my condolences to all his family and friends, R.I.P. Sir

darin thompson - May 17, 2024 at 04:34 PM

NS

“ Your father will be sincerely missed by all of us, please accept our sincere condolences during this difficult time for you families. Nicole Salvo & Staff at Clarview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Nicole Salvo - April 26, 2024 at 11:14 AM

DS

To the family of Richard preacher I can remember Mr preacher when I was in elementary school he was always kind and courteous and funny that's what made him so nice when he was teaching school I can remember him sitting at his desk putting his hands on his head and flexing his muscles well I become a copycat of them and I think that's how we hit it off the bus he'd sit at the front of the room and I'd sit at the back and we sit there and fresh muscles back and forth with each other God bless you I know you miss him but don't listen remember the good times and the sorrow will be healed in a hurry good luck and God blessings all and I'm sorry this is late I just saw the obituary today in the paper or on the telephone may he rest in peace God blessings all Dennis Hill class of 1980 North Clarion High School

Dennis Schill - May 15, 2024 at 05:53 PM

DS

“ My sincere condolences to Dlck's family. He was a friend and colleague that welcomed me to the North Clarion family with open arms.

Dave Stake - April 26, 2024 at 08:32 AM

BG

“ It was a pleasure and joy to grow up in the neighborhood with the Priester family. In later years, I had the pleasure of working for Dick at North Clarion. Please accept my condolences during this trying time. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Bill Guth - April 25, 2024 at 09:05 AM

YF

“ Your Sensus Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Richard M. Priester.



Your Sensus Family - April 25, 2024 at 07:48 AM

JA

“ Dick was a wonderful, wonderful person! He and Helen were great neighbors and friends! They will always be in my heart and on my mind - till we meet again Janice

Janice - April 24, 2024 at 07:25 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard M. Priester.



April 24, 2024 at 07:10 PM



“ *Dick was a good man and it was a pleasure to work with him at North Clarion. I enjoyed coaching his three sons in basketball and getting to know his family. He will be missed!*
Mike Shirey

Michael Shirey - April 24, 2024 at 03:38 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard M. Priester.*



April 24, 2024 at 02:21 PM