



## Richard C. Carroll

November 1, 1924 - May 31, 2020

Richard Claude “Dick” Carroll, 95, of Beloit, WI, passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2020. He was born November 1, 1924, on the family farm near Footville, WI, youngest son of James A. and Margaret (Chapman) Carroll. Richard attended Inman School in Newark township, Lincoln Junior High School in Beloit, and graduated from Beloit High School in 1942, where he studied typing, shorthand and bookkeeping. Richard was a lifetime member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Beloit.

Richard worked at the Beloit Savings Bank (now Blackhawk Bank) for most of his career, with the exception of six years (1954-1960) in the Regional Sales Department at General Motors. Janesville. Hired at Beloit Savings Bank in 1948 as a bookkeeper and vault custodian, he became teller, head teller, supervisor of tellers, assistant secretary and assistant cashier before he retired from the bank in 1984, after 30 years of service. He earned a graduate certificate from the American Institute of Banking (AIB) and was president of the Beloit Chapter of the AIB. Richard was well-liked by bank patrons for his quiet confidence and friendly customer service.

Richard loved to entertain. For several years he hosted the Inman Country School reunion at his home across from the former Inman School. He hosted numerous holiday parties for family, friends, and the bank crowd. He was known for his lavish Christmas decorations, from twinkling outdoor lights to tinsel garlands, poinsettias, and even a miniature village in his bay window. His 40 acre farmette in Newark Township became known as “Petunia Hill” for the 400 petunia plants gracing his white picket fence. Richard enjoyed Old-time ballroom dancing, especially the polka and waltz. He enjoyed playing bingo, Euchre at family gatherings and 500 with his weekly card club.

Richard attended all the county fairs of Southern Wisconsin, enjoying the grandstand shows and animal judging. He accompanied his brother, Bernard, to REA conventions in Las Vegas, Dallas, Washington DC, Orlando and New Orleans. He regularly traveled to California to visit relatives, and once traveled with his dance group to Nashville to see the Grand Ole Opry. In 1976, he went on a whirlwind American Express tour to England, Holland, France, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, and ending in Ireland for a kiss of the Blarney Stone.

Survivors include 23 nieces and nephews; numerous great nieces, great nephews, great-

great nieces and great-great nephews; and sister-in-law, Helen Carroll of Beloit, WI. He was predeceased by his parents three sisters, Catherine (Clarence) Peters, Dorothy (Rueben) Fensterman and Josephine (Gerald) Freitag; four brothers, William (Genevieve), Kenneth (Beatrice), Bernard (Helen) and Russell (Martha) Carroll; and five nieces and nephews.

A very special thank you to Richard's sister-in-law, Helen (Bernard) Carroll, and niece, Melody (Craig) Jones, for their care and support. Also, to all that took the time to send a card or visit with Richard.

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial for Richard will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 13, 2020 in St. Jude Catholic Church, 737 Hackett Street, Beloit, WI. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. Visitation of remembrance will be from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Saturday in the church. Daley Murphy Wisch & Associated Funeral Home and Crematorium, 2355 Cranston Road, Beloit, WI, assisted the family. Individual viewing with social distancing and masks will be required.

In lieu of flower, memorials may be given in his name to St. Jude Catholic Church or a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery

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## Calvary Cemetery

Beloit, WI, 53511

# Events

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**JUN** **Visitation** 09:45AM - 10:45AM

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St. Jude Catholic Church

747 Hackett Street, Beloit, WI, US

**JUN** **Service** 11:00AM

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St. Jude Catholic Church

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# Comments

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“ When I married Sam Donato in 1985, Dick was an established part of Blackhawk State Bank who I came to know and love over the years just as my husband had. I have many memories of summer picnics and his famous Christmas parties with all the decorations his house would hold.... a Winter Wonderland for sure. After Sam's passing, Dick would often stop by my work at Shopko Pharmacy to say hello and let me know he had visited the cemetery. At his birthday party a few years ago, he had slowed down some but still had that warm smile and twinkle in his eye. He was a forever friend to people and I know he will be missed greatly. Sincere condolences on his passing.  
Jane Donato

Jane Donato - June 15, 2020 at 10:37 PM

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“ Richard was a good friend to my parents, Fred and Nell Cousin. They always enjoyed visiting with him. I would run into him most often at the Rock County fair, and we always had a nice chat. He was a wonderful man. I will keep him in my prayers.

Janice Cousin Bier - June 13, 2020 at 10:46 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers To Richard's family and friends. The Christmas decorations that he put up at his house in the country were always so much fun to see and were enjoyed by so many people in the community. Every time we met we had an interesting conversation, many times about bygone days. He was always interested in what was going on in our lives. Richard will be greatly missed. Peace be to his memory.

Alan & Marilyn Sorenson - June 11, 2020 at 02:59 PM

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“ I met Richard a few year ago. He instantly wanted to know all about me and my family. He loved to hear stories about my daughter and grand daughter and my vacation adventures. He loved to talk about his family as well. He was so proud of all his cousins, nieces and nephews, extended family as he shared his stories. When he could still drive he would stop in to visit me with such a big warm smile. I will miss him.

Michelle Hogan - June 11, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ Blackhawk Bank lit a candle in memory of Richard C. Carroll



**Blackhawk Bank** - June 09, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ Dick was a very special person and there are many of us still here at the bank who remember him fondly. Dick was kind, generous, and a truly wonderful man!

**Blackhawk Bank** - June 09, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ We are saddened by the loss of our last surviving uncle & my godfather. As a youngster I always looked forward to receiving a birthday card from him. I remember attending one of his famous Christmas parties & being overwhelmed by the mammoth amount of decorations! We will miss you.

**Dianne and Brad Shreffler** - June 08, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ Suzanne Richards lit a candle in memory of Richard C. Carroll



**Suzanne Richards** - June 08, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ I really enjoyed the years that I worked with Dick at the bank. He had a very friendly smile and a great sense of humor and he loved to entertain. My condolences to the family. I'm sure he will be greatly missed.

**Suzanne Richards** - June 08, 2020 at 06:04 PM

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“ Henry Appel lit a candle in memory of Richard C. Carroll



Henry Appel - June 08, 2020 at 05:04 PM

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“ I had met Uncle Dick many years ago, through Laurie and he always remembered me! I remember one time bumping into him at the Clinic and asked him what happened? He fell off a ladder putting up Christmas lights, OUTSIDE! He was such a trooper. Always with a ready smile! I can still hear his voice. Uncle Dick will be missed by many! Rest in peace Uncle Dick!

Vickie Hanson - June 08, 2020 at 09:39 AM

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“ I remember attending many family gatherings at his home in Newark. He knew how to throw a party, that's for sure. Always cheerful, always happy, he was one of the best uncles ever. Love you Uncle Dick, the whole Carroll family is gonna miss you.

Dave and Teresa Nichols - June 08, 2020 at 04:19 AM

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“ We offer sincere condolences to the Family and many friends of Richard. His life long friendly humor and good will to all is a fond memorial that continues to bless all who knew him.

Ken and Marilyn Shockley

Ken and Marilyn Shockley - June 06, 2020 at 08:36 AM

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“ I knew Richard at the Village on Olympian Hill. My husband, Jim and I managed the apartments for many years. I loved all the conversations I had with Richard. He always had a story to tell. I always admired him for attending every county fair in the area. He so enjoyed all aspects of the fairs. He brought smiles to my days. He is and will be missed.

**Nancy Miller** - June 05, 2020 at 06:55 PM