



Richard L. Branum

July 18, 1936 - October 20, 2021

RICHARD L. BRANUM was born on July 18, 1936 and died of complications in Dublin Methodist Hospital after a 30-year-long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Amelia Kamas Branum, as well as his son Brian.

Survivors include wife Jane, children Debra Bond (Zee), Todd, Jill Markey (Neil); daughter-in-law Anne Scannell (George); 9 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Carol Leighton (Dave), sister-in-law JoAnn Monak, brother-in-law Jim Minoff (Judy); 8 nieces and 1 nephew; Pastor John and Sharon Morris and so many dear friends.

Dick graduated from Port Clinton High School and attended Tiffin University.

In 1956 Dick went to work for U.S. Steel and Wire in Cleveland as a sales accounting trainee in computer systems. He was sent to IBM programming school, which he considered dumb luck, as it turned into a fortunate career move.

Richman Brothers, a men's clothing manufacturer, hired Dick in 1958 as an assistant supervisor responsible for inventory control systems. His last promotion at Richman Brothers was as VP of Systems.

Woolworth acquired Richman Brothers in 1972. Dick transferred to Milwaukee to modernize their national accounting facility. He became the Director of Management Information Systems.

In 1977 Dick was promoted to Woolworth's home office in New York City as Director of MIS, installing IBM's largest systems order. Two years later, he was appointed the youngest corporate VP in Woolworth history, responsible for data centers in Europe, Canada, Mexico, and the USA. While at Woolworth, he gained a reputation of being first to

apply new technology, notably in the area of point-of-sale but also including laser printing and mass storage.

In 1983 Dick was recruited by The Limited Corporation in Columbus, OH-back to the Buckeye State! Three years later he became SVP of MIS and assumed responsibility of implementing and operating the Limited Distribution Center. In 1988 he was awarded the prestigious Harry Wexner Award for his "outstanding effort" and "contributions to the business" and was promoted to Executive VP.

Dick retired from The Limited in 1993 and consulted for a few years. That same year he was diagnosed with Parkinson's. Even so, he was able to enjoy golf, traveling, being home, and spending time with family and friends, especially the beautiful grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dick was always active in the church. He worshipped at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Dublin, OH, where he and his wife Jane were charter members. She was the light of his life. They had known each other from childhood, became high school sweethearts, and celebrated 65 years of marriage.

Throughout his life, Dick had a positive attitude. He was known for working hard, always being ready to tell a story or a joke, and entertaining family and friends at home with glasses raised to "Let the party begin."

Visitation will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Dublin, OH on Nov 26 from 2:00-4:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm, with a memorial service on November 27 at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to honor Richard to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 5475 Brand Rd, Dublin, OH 43017.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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NOV **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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NOV **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Jane and Family, so very sorry that my pal and mentor Dick Branum is no longer available for a visit. He was wise and wonderful. Always think of him when I repeat his expressions, like telling a waitress "you're so kind and I'm so undeserving". He was a gentle bear of a man. I was lucky to spend so much special time with him! I'll never ever forget his face when I first saw him after Brian's death, just drained and so sad. He was always real and tuned in to people. Miss you RLB..Real Loveable Branum

Jim Purcell - November 12, 2021 at 07:45 AM



“ Dear Jane and family,
Please accept our sincere condolences and know that you are in our prayers. Dick was a great role model when it came to church development. He will live on in our hearts as he will in yours.

Ken & Gina Schiess

Ken & Gina Schiess - October 28, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ Dear Jane and family,

We were very sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He was a true gentleman. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob and Cynthia Dittoe

Robert Dittoe - October 28, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ Jane, our Sympathy & Prayers to you & all the Family.

Dick was a special classmate lots of good memories.

Rich & Jean Winke

Jean Winke - October 28, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Jane and the entire family. Dick was a great man and I will always treasure the times we spent together, especially our trip to Spain in 1997. He had a great sense of humor and was a great friend. Rest in peace, Dick. Your friend Mike Amfahr

Mike Amfahr - October 27, 2021 at 08:44 AM