



## Richard "Dick" Veith

March 25, 1942 - December 14, 2021

Richard "Dick" Veith, loving husband, father and grandfather, was a lifelong resident of Mt. Carroll, and never tired of learning something new or participating in his beloved community. He was known as a great friend and storyteller. He is appreciated for his service to Carroll County and Stephenson County as the Director of Probation from 1970, and then Trial Court Administrator for the 5 county 15th Judicial Circuit, retiring in 2004. At the age of 79, Dick passed away Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport.

Richard was born March 25, 1942 in Savanna, the son of Thomas and Marjorie (Tink) Veith. He is a 1960 graduate of Mt. Carroll High School, where he became friends with the future love of his life, Nancy Becker. Dick played in the high school band and Nancy sat near him. It didn't take long for them to realize they were in-tune and began dating in 1959. Dick and Nancy were married February 12, 1964. They have celebrated 57 years of marriage and raised three children, Thomas, Alexander and Teresa. Being a husband, father and grandfather was his favorite part of life.

Dick was attending Illinois College in Jacksonville when his mother became ill, and he returned home to help with her care. She passed away in 1963. He had also joined his father Tom in business at Veith Memorials in Mt. Carroll, and also worked at the Mt. Carroll Insurance Agency.

He found his true calling when he began to work at the Carroll County Probation Office; he enjoyed helping others through some of life's toughest events, always with a smile and a big dose of caring. Dick would say, "A man becomes a man when he takes responsibility for what he does." Dick had a way with words, often bringing people together and making a difference in someone's life. The family would sometimes hear, "He was my probation officer, and he saved my life." Dick cared about his work and his community.

He enjoyed reading and researching just about anything. He would say things like, "Read it, love it, enjoy it!" or, "Just read the darn manual!" He liked working with computers, clocks, watches, guns, hunting, and photography. He was a member of the First Baptist

Church, Mississippi Flyway Gun Club, Rack & Wing Gun Club and Friends of the Waukarusha. He also served on several boards in the community and the fire department. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Nancy; two sons, Thomas (Aimee) Veith of Jacksonville, IL and Alexander (Amy McKee) Veith of Mt. Carroll; his daughter, Teresa (Jim) Lynch of Peoria; seven grandchildren, Charles, Ella and Nathan Veith and Owen, Eliot, Maeve and Eamon Lynch; a sister, Mary Elizabeth (Clark) Baker of Zion, IL; a step-sister, Pamela Miller of Morrison; and two step-brothers, Thomas (Carol) DuBree of Naugatuck, CT and Douglas (Cindy) DuBree of Moline, IL. Dick is preceded in death by both parents; his step-mother, Mary "Lolly" Veith; and his step-sister, Pru Haney.

The family will hold a private service (due to Covid concerns) at the First Baptist Church of Mt. Carroll on January 10, 2021. Burial of ashes will take place in Oak Hill Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his honor.

# Comments

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“ The greatest neighbor, ever. Matt. 22:39  
Dan and Toni

**Daniel Cunningham** - March 30 at 03:09 PM

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“ Dick and I worked together 20+ years. The last several he was my boss. What a wonderful supervisor, guide, but most of all, he was a wonderful friend. Cathy Applequist

**cathy applequist** - January 10 at 12:02 PM

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“ Dick and I worked together for about 20 years, the last several he was my boss. What a wonderful supervisor, but more importantly, what a wonderful friend. Love to the family. Cathy Applequist

**cathy applequist** - January 10 at 12:00 PM

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“ Dick was such an exceptionally congenial man whose intellect was so evident in all of his many interests and pastimes. But most of all, we think of him as a "glass half full" kind of guy. He truly seemed to make the most out of anything that came his way and seemed to always look for the positive in everyone and everything. He will be missed by so many.

Dave & Jan Smith

**Jan Smith** - January 10 at 11:12 AM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Veith.



January 08 at 04:41 PM

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“ Red Roses and White Carnations (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Veith.



January 08 at 12:35 PM

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“ Beverly Stoner lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Veith



**beverly stoner** - January 08 at 11:59 AM

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“ Harsha Ghadium purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard "Dick" Veith.



**Harsha Ghadium** - January 08 at 10:31 AM



“ Nancy, Tom, “Andy”, and Alex: I am sad to hear of Dick’s passing. I remember him instructing my hunters safety course when I was probably 12 or 13 years old. He stood behind me and taught me how to use his shotgun when we shot clay pigeons the last day of class. In the early part of my career he was my internship supervisor, driving me several times a week to Freeport. He always had such great advice and to this day I still remember something he told me during one of our drives that I still live by and will never forget. He said, “Mike, success is regrets you never had.” He believed in me and hired me to fill in during Marcie’s maternity leave. He was a great man and I will forever be grateful for his friendship and mentorship.

**Mike Kuehl** - January 07 at 11:05 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Veith.



January 07 at 08:53 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Veith.



January 07 at 05:50 PM

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“ Dick and I shared many hobbies and often hunted together. Never had a dull moment when we were together. Chuck Berquist

**Chuck Berquist** - January 07 at 02:57 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your family’s loss. Dick was mom’s oldest and truest friends and I know how much he and his family means to her. Lots of stories about how close the families were growing up and how much mom enjoyed spending time with you all as adults as well. Sending prayers and love to all of you.

**Juliet Kopulos** - January 07 at 02:26 PM

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“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Veith.



January 07 at 02:00 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Veith.



January 05 at 08:35 PM

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“ Nancy, I Just learned of Dick's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. You have Jan and my sympathies. Darrell Pauley

**Darrell Pauley** - December 29, 2021 at 01:42 PM

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“ Mark, Ronda (Riffe) & Shelby Rathje lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Veith



Mark, Ronda (Riffe) & Shelby Rathje - December 24, 2021 at 08:12 AM

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“ I was so sorry to learn of Dick's passing Nancy. I will always treasure the years we worked together. He virtually invented the position of Trial Court Administrator for our circuit. He was a man of good humor and great compassion and will be sorely missed. You and your family are in our prayers.

Steve Pemberton - December 20, 2021 at 11:05 AM

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“ We are so very sorry to learn of Dick's passing. We will always remember him as a talented raconteur with many interests and a boundless enthusiasm for life. Dick believed in lighting a candle instead of cursing the darkness. Deepest condolences to Nancy and the entire Veith family, Ed, Kathy, Liam, and Claire Mitchell

Kathy Mitchell - December 18, 2021 at 10:30 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Veith.



December 18, 2021 at 10:21 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Dicks passing. I got to know Dick at the gun club and always enjoyed his company. He was a very good man. Rest in peace. Sorry Dick, you will have to check your gun at heavens gate. Wont need it there anyhow.

**Jim Lundgren** - December 17, 2021 at 09:06 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Uncle Dick's passing!! Sending all of our love,prayers and deep sympathies!! He really was a man to look up to and loved with his whole heart!! May he rest in heavenly peace!! Love you all!!

**Sheila VenHuizen** - December 17, 2021 at 07:33 PM

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“ Nancy, Tom, Alex, & Terry....so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. May God give you blessings and grace in this time of sorrow. He will be missed by many....may your memories give you comfort.  
Art and Ann

**Ann E Crouse** - December 17, 2021 at 06:50 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers to the family. Dick was a good friend to my beloved husband Robert Anderson who past away 5 years ago. I can just see them now, talking about all the good time's him and all the other guy's, had down at the Mississippi Flyway Gun Club. My husband, would say ; that was some the best times he ever had, with all the guy's down there. And he really appreciate the friendship with Dick.



**Barbara Anderson** - December 17, 2021 at 05:21 PM

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“ I will miss Dick and the talks we had. I know what he is doing right now he has his dog Knight and a shot gun and they are chasing pheasant now. We'll miss you Dick

Russ Hartman

Russ Hartman - December 17, 2021 at 03:52 PM

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“ A great gentleman. He taught me a lot in my younger years. A great supporter of Law Enforcement. He will be greatly missed.

Howard Helms - December 17, 2021 at 01:05 PM

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“ Dick was such a “good guy”. Living so close to Mt Carroll High School, he put up with a lot of noise. Especially in the 70's and 80's, when the 5th Quarter was being held in the Wesley House after those basketball games. He was a special person and now with our maker making sure everything is just so.

Nadine Renfro - December 17, 2021 at 12:52 PM

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“ Nancy, Tom, Alex and family, I am deeply sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed chatting with Dick when he called the law office for Tom. May you find comfort and healing in the love of those who remember with you.

Katie Garner - December 17, 2021 at 11:23 AM

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“ Dick was a really good guy and a true Mt Carroll original and our community has lost one of its historians. Deepest sympathies to his family and all those who called him a friend.

Diane & Pat Bausman

Diane Bausman - December 17, 2021 at 11:17 AM

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“ Dick Veith was my best friend's beloved brother. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Dick and Nancy have enjoyed life in one of my family's home for many years. Dick and sister, Libby, we're neighbors of mine through our youth in Mt. Carroll. Rest In Peace, dear friend.



**Janice White** - December 17, 2021 at 10:38 AM

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“ Dear Veith Family, I am deeply sorry for your loss. Losing someone during this season is so very difficult. I first got to know Dick when I went to work at the Carroll County Sheriff's office. He immediately took me under his wing. He was so helpful and could explain anything so one could understand. He was a true friend, had a strong in belief in justice, could help anyone become a better person if they were willing to try, and always a fair and compassionate person. Whenever I would see him (after his retirement) it was always as if no time has passed; that is the wealth of a true friend. Thank you for sharing Dick with all of us. In your deep loss, I pray your memories will bring some comfort and peace to all of you.

**Freddie Preston** - December 17, 2021 at 10:27 AM

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“ We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Brad Wilson

**Brad W Wilson** - December 17, 2021 at 10:11 AM

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December 17, 2021 at 09:53 AM



“ Jim and I are saddened by the loss of a dear friend, Dick Veith. Many happy memories of couples get together to many athletic events. Dick was a one of a kind. Prayers for the family.

**Sarah Wheeler** - December 17, 2021 at 09:26 AM

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“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. Know how hard it is to lose someone at this time. The world is a sadder place but Heaven just keeps getting better with all the good people there.

**Peggy Getz** - December 17, 2021 at 09:19 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace

**Jim and Beverly Hufman** - December 17, 2021 at 08:44 AM

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“ Was very sorry to hear that Dick had died. I know he has had health issues for quite awhile, but losing a loved one during the holidays always is harder. Sending an extra large helping of peace and love to your whole family. Ray and Barb Alexander.

**Barb Alexander** - December 17, 2021 at 08:21 AM

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**Mark, Ronda (Riffe) & Shelby Rathje** - December 17, 2021 at 08:04 AM

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“ Mark, Teresa And Eli Traum lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Veith



**Mark, Teresa and Eli Traum** - December 17, 2021 at 07:47 AM

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“ Valareena DeSpain lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Veith



**Valareena DeSpain** - December 17, 2021 at 06:18 AM

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“ I am truly sorry for your loss. Dick was a wonderful man. A friend on mine was on probation is how I got to know him. Many a days I had a question about something I called him up and he never failed with an answer. He was very caring and compassionate.



**Sherry Thulen Hood** - December 17, 2021 at 01:26 AM

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“ I am truly sorry for your loss. He was a great man. I was only 16 when he was my parole officer. I got into a fight in high school. Was a dramatic one that I was charged and settled. Never been in trouble before that. Mr. V really mentored me during that year. I absorbed his words with the way he spoke to me. At the end of the year I didn't quite have all of the restitution paid off. It was quite a lot and my parents made me accountable. He paid it off for me. Letting me take a few months to pay him back. This let me come off probation and get on with my life. He was the first to truly believe in me. It stuck.

Timmy Davenport

Timmy Davenport - December 17, 2021 at 12:45 AM

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“ Our sympathy to the Veith family. Dick was my neighbor and friend when we lived in Mt. Carroll. Dick was down to earth guy. He loved Nancy and his children and grandchildren. Once in a while Dick would cook for myself and his other neighbor Gary. We had fun visiting and sharing life together. I remember seeing Dick taking his dog on a walk down the street with his cat following. He was good to his animal friends. John 14:1-6.

Bob and Sharyne Ziebarth

Robert Ziebarth - December 16, 2021 at 10:25 PM

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“ My heart aches for all of you. The time that I spent at your home is filled with warm, loving memories and they all include Dick. May your warm memories hold you tight in this time of need.



Julia Woessner - December 16, 2021 at 10:07 PM

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“ To the Veith family, my heart goes out to you all. Dick was a great guy. Even though we hadn't worked together for many years, he always greeted me with a smile, a hearty wave and a hearty hello. The community has lost a great treasure, my prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Cathy Skiles (Brunner) Chavez

**Cathy Chavez** - December 16, 2021 at 09:48 PM



“ I had the privilege of working with Dick for many years at the Court House. He was always straight forward, willing to share his wisdom, always fair, caring and supportive. His humor and stories were always uplifting. You are deeply missed.

**Kathy and Craig Dimmick** - January 09 at 03:24 PM