



# **Richard E. Raffit**

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**R**ichard E. Raffit, known affectionately as Rich, passed away peacefully at Aurora Hospital Oshkosh, WI surrounded by family on September 1, 2024. Born in Chicago on January 14, 1932.

Rich's loving spirit is carried on by his wife, Barbara, his daughters, Diane (Dave) Edwards, Judy (Bill) Gutsell, Laverne (Martin) Halvey, Theresa (Daniel) Humprey, Joanne (Todd) Baker, Anne Soenksen, Lisa (Mark) Palfrey, Michele (Mike) Henschied, twenty-four grandchildren, and thirty-five great grandchildren, and one great-great child.

Rich enjoyed his childhood with his loving parents Edward and Julia in Chicago and Schiller Park, IL He was very proud to be a Petty Officer in the Navy and subsequently, a Police Officer. He moved to a successful career in Sales as his family grew to eight. Never to sit still, he enjoyed founding a Habitat for Humanity in Montello, managing hotels, travel, and being with family and friends during retirement.

He was always young at heart. His zest for life, people, animals, nature, and sense of humor will be missed by everyone that knew him.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 12 noon in the Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh. A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 10 am until the time of service. Full military honors will be accorded by the United Veterans Honor Guard immediately following the service.

A special thank you to the Nurses, CNAs, and staff at Aurora Hospital that gave exceptional care and attention to Rich the last week of his life.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to Habitat for Humanity Oshkosh <https://www.habitat.org/wi/oshkosh/hfh-oshkosh> or the Oshkosh Area Humane Society <https://www.oahs.org/> would be appreciated.



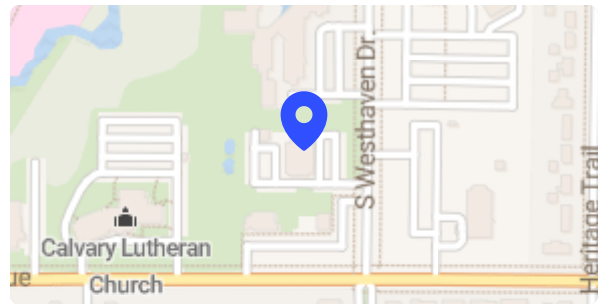
# Events

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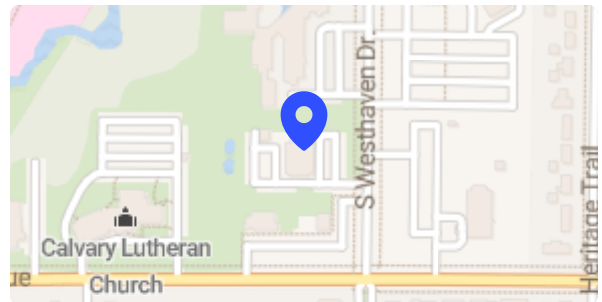
## Visitation

- Thursday**, September 12, 2024
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
- Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home**  
865 S. Westhaven Dr., Oshkosh WI 54904



## Memorial Service

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## Tribute Wall

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EL

**Elizabeth Last** posted:

Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh would like to express our heartfelt sympathy and gratitude to the family and friends of Rich. We greatly appreciate the kindness and support of Habitat's local mission to build homes, communities, and hope. On behalf of our current partner families and staff, we thank you for your gift.

September 26 at 6:20 AM

DV

**David Vanderlinden** posted:

The Oshkosh Area Humane Society would like to extend condolences to Barbara, Diane, Judy, Laverne, Theresa, Joanne, Anne, Lisa, Michele, and to Rich's entire family. We are sorry for your loss. We also want to thank you for your support of the Oshkosh Humane Society through the years, as well as now, giving Rich's memorial gifts to the Humane Society. Thank you. Our sympathy to each of you at this most difficult time.

September 9 at 7:23 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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