



Richard B. Olshefski

March 27, 1928 - June 14, 2015

Richard Olshefski, 87, of Kankakee, passed away June 14, 2015, at Bickford Senior Citizens' Living Center in Bourbonnais.

He was born March 27, 1928, in Wilkes Barre, Pa., the son of Peter and Nell Olshefski. Richard married Betty Jean Pobanz on July 30, 1955. She preceded him in death on April 7, 2009.

Surviving are his eight children, Mary Cox, of Manteno, Richard (Cathy) Olshefski Jr., of Manteno, Robert Olshefski, of Kankakee, Thomas (Cheryl) Olshefski, of Manteno, John (Laurie) Olshefski, of Panama City Beach, Fla., James Olshefski, of Ventura, Calif., Kathy (John) Riberdy, of Manteno, and Matthew (Debra) Olshefski, of Gilbert, Ariz. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren, Angela and Adam (Shawna) Cox, C.J., Cali, Summer, Andrew and Karen Olshefski, Kaitlyn (Aaron) Stewart, Landen, Alina, Amber and Austin Olshefski, Samantha and Jacob Riberdy and Aidan and Mason Olshefski; and two great-grandchildren, Adalynn and Aubrey Cox. His sister, Irene Dunne, of New Jersey; and several nieces and nephews, also survive.

Mr. Olshefski was an avid athlete. He played semi-pro basketball for The House of David and pitched six seasons with the NY Yankees minor league farm system. He loved to golf and enjoyed a Miller Lite with family and friends.

Richard served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He came to Kankakee to work at Olinkraft (later Mansville) and retired from there after 25 years.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be from 11 a.m. Saturday until the 1 p.m. funeral services at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Events

JUN 27 **Memorial Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW, Bourbonnais, IL, US, 60914

JUN 27 **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Richard was an amazing guy and I'm so glad I was able to get to know him during my time at Bickford. We had some great chats during our outings and he was so incredibly proud of his family. In you all, Richard's legacy lives on.

Cheers to you Richard, thanks for the memories.

Becky Eartly - June 25 at 04:30 PM



“ Tina Overstreet lit a candle in memory of Richard B. Olshefski



Tina Overstreet - June 25 at 07:34 AM



“ Kenneth Mausehund Sr. lit a candle in memory of Richard B. Olshefski



Kenneth Mausehund Sr. - June 25 at 05:07 AM



“ A lot memories over 43 years. A great motivating leader and boss, but most important a Friend forever . I will forever be grateful and privileged to know him and his Family.

Gary and Marsha Adreon

gary - June 24 at 01:02 PM



“ Dick "O" was one of my favorite guys.....We worked together for quite a few years at the Kankakee plant and enjoyed our exchanges at work. He was a tough manager and a real sweetheart at the same time (a rare character trait). I'll miss him.

John Milonski - June 24 at 08:50 AM



“ Uncle Richie was such a great guy, I have so many fond memories of him. When I think of him he always has that big smile on his face. He always made me feel like a million bucks. I have no doubt that him and my dad had a great reunion in heaven. To Mary Pat, Richie, Tommy, Bobby, Johnny, Jimmy, Kathy and Matt my prayers go out to each of you and your families. Love you all, Donna

Donna Wilder - June 23 at 09:58 PM



“ Dear Olshefski family,
Your dad was certainly a "one of a kind" guy! Glad your family was together to share laughs and memories....I'm sure you had many wonderful ones. Our sincere sympathies to all.
Love
Wayne and Cheryl

Cheryl Segneri - June 23 at 06:40 PM



“ Dick was my first boss many years ago. He taught me "what I didn't know" and I was always grateful for the life-lesson!

-Walt Peterson

Walter Peterson - June 23 at 03:04 PM



“ Vicki Tousignant lit a candle in memory of Richard B. Olshefski



Vicki Tousignant - June 22 at 08:13 PM



“ I had the honor of meeting Dick when I worked at Bickford. He was such a kind man. RIP my friend.

Vicki Tousignant - June 22 at 08:15 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Love, Carl and Lillian Olshefski

Carl Olshefski - June 22 at 09:23 PM



“ i will miss his bear hugs and sloppy kisses

Steve and Pat Moody

Pat Moody - June 18 at 01:34 PM



“ Gloria Graham lit a candle in memory of Richard B. Olshefski



Gloria Graham - June 18 at 01:28 PM