



## Richard "Dick" D. Tabler

July 12, 1937 - April 24, 2022

Richard "Dick" D. Tabler, 84 of Columbus, formerly of Zanesville, died 4:09 PM, Sunday, April 24, 2022, at his home in Columbus. He was born Monday, July 12, 1937, in Athens County, the son of Lewis Tabler and Ruth (Jenkins) Tabler. He was married on Friday, May 30, 1958, to Mary Celestine (Tibbs) Tabler who survives.

He was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church and retired from Owens-Corning Fiberglass after many years of service. Following his retirement, he worked as a drug and alcohol counselor at the LAAP program in Newark, OH. Dick was a member of AA for 38 years. During his time with AA, he conducted meetings, and helped many people with their addiction through sponsorship and his loving friendship. Dick enjoyed working on cars and listening to jazz music. He was a self-taught musician, being able to play the drums and guitar. Most of all, he was a family man who valued education and helped all his children obtain post-secondary degrees.

In addition to his wife he is survived by four children, Celestine Ward of Reynoldsburg, Martin (Lisa) Tabler of Delaware, Cynthia Price of Columbus, Regina (Jeffery) Hardin of Westerville, eight grandchildren, Charli' Tabler, Joseph (Me'-Linh) Tabler, Jessica Tabler, Elizabeth (Grady) Bryant, Vanessa (Delmas) Miller, Whitney (Ryan Smith) Hardin, Britney Price and Bryceson Ward; eight great-grandchildren, Aiden Tabler, Aubrey Sweeney, Egypt

Lunsford, Legend Woods, Naomi Miller, Delmas Miller, Jr, Ivannah Bryant and Mercy Smith; one sister, Joellen Mayle; one daughter-in-law, Gracelene Gibbs-Tabler and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two children Richard J. Tabler and Johnathan Tabler, and one granddaughter, Jennifer Woodson.

Friends may call from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Thursday, April 28, 2022, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11AM, Friday, April 29, 2022, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 1020 East Main Street, Zanesville with Fr. Martin Ralko officiating. Burial will conclude in the Irville Cemetery, Nashport. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit [www.hilliscombsnestor.com](http://www.hilliscombsnestor.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Irville Cemetery

Irville Cemetery Road  
Nashport, OH 43830

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home  
935 Forest Avenue  
Zanesville, OH 43701  
(740) 452-5494  
directors@hilliscombsnestor.com  
<https://www.hilliscombsnestor.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church  
925 Main St.  
Zanesville, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Dick" D. Tabler



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - April 28, 2022 at 11:37 AM

JL

*I knew Richard aka Dick as a childhood. Sunday School and Clifwood Curch of God attendee. Of course I knew his precious Mother and his Dad; They were memers of the church as was his dear sister Jo Ellen. I remember Dik as as Blue Devil HS basketball player. I loved the whole family and all that yet remain.*

*James (jimmy) logan May God bless you all!*

James H Logan - June 10, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ Richard "Dick" D. Tabler

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM

KB

“ *My condolences to the family you know as well as I do he's a good good man I stopped and talk to him and his wife a while back after I found out about Rick just wanted to say how sorry I was to Martin Tina Sandy so sorry God bless you guys from Kim Blizzard*

Kim Blizzard - April 28, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hillis Combs Funeral Home** - April 28, 2022 at 03:03 PM

GM

“ Aunt JoEllen and family,

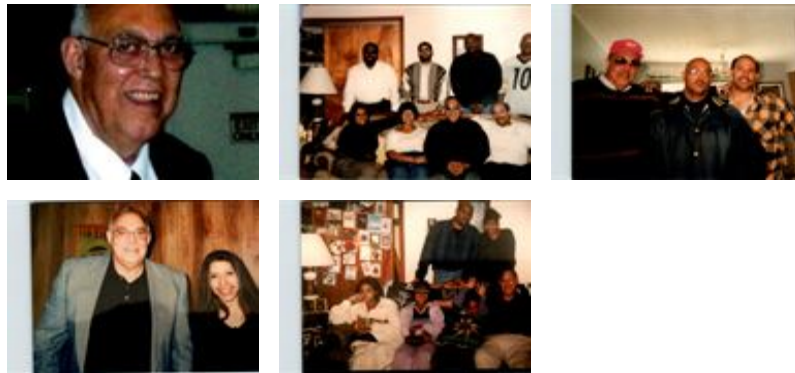
*We are sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved brother. May God's grace, mercy, peace and hope be with you in your time of grief.*

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**Gary Jr. & Shelly Mayle** - April 28, 2022 at 02:46 PM



“ 90 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hillis Combs Funeral Home** - April 28, 2022 at 11:35 AM

DS

“ *Dajon Sweeney lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" D. Tabler*




Dajon Sweeney - April 28, 2022 at 06:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" D. Tabler.*



April 27, 2022 at 10:34 PM

 Kristin Lewis

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Dick meant the world to me. He was very instrumental in my early recovery and I am proud to grow up along side him in the program. Thirty years separated us chronologically, six years in sobriety but we were so much alike in so many ways. We were friends. I'm going to miss my friend even more knowing his light isn't shining here now but I rejoice and praise God he is alive and more than well with Christ. I'm praying for you all to find comfort through this loss of a great patriarch.*

Kristin Lewis - April 27, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ *Jeffery Ashcraft purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Richard "Dick" D. Tabler.*



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**Jeffery Ashcraft** - April 27, 2022 at 02:19 PM



“ *The Ray Ashcraft family moved from a rural farm to Nashport in 1972 where we met the Tabler family. Dick and my Dad become good friends in their retirement years and in the early 2000's, Dick gave my Dad the support he needed during my Mom's slow health declines and her passing of in May of 2008. Johnny and I still remember Celestine bringing her wonderful lasagna during that time. We are so Grateful to Dick for being a wonderful friend during that time to my Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with Celestine, Celeste, Martin, Cindy, Gina, and their families. Jeffrey Ashcraft and Johnny Johnson*

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**Jeffery Ashcraft** - April 27, 2022 at 02:14 PM



“ *I can hardly imagine how many men and women Dick has helped over the years. He helped me, 20 years ago this summer when I met him, with his words and inspiration. His words are still with me. How blessed I was to meet him at exactly the right time!*

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**Ted Barnhart** - April 27, 2022 at 12:25 PM

RL

“ To the Tabler Family, sorry to read of your loss. Your Family are in our prayers.



Randy and Joyce Lincicome - April 27, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" D. Tabler.



April 26, 2022 at 08:25 PM

KW

“ My condolences to Celestine and family. So sorry to hear of Richard's passing...prayers.



Kim Ware - April 26, 2022 at 06:04 PM

TW

Thank you- Celestine

Teena Ward - April 26, 2022 at 08:15 PM

RP

“ Our sincere sympathy to your family

Rick and Becky Priest - April 26, 2022 at 02:15 PM

TW

*My mother says thank you for your kind words.*

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**Teena Ward** - April 26, 2022 at 08:16 PM

LS

*I worked with Dick at Owens Corning for decades. A nicer person and a better co-worker could not be found. My condolences for His loss.*

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**Lawrence Scurman** - April 28, 2022 at 08:10 AM