



Richard P. "Dick" Spring

May 14, 1925 - July 27, 2013

Richard Paul "Dick" Spring, 88 of Delaware, formerly of Zanesville, died July 27, 2013 @ 8:37 PM at his son's residence in Delaware. He was born Thursday, May 14, 1925 in Zanesville, the son of John James Spring and Lillie May (Townsend) Spring. He married Ruth M. (Eppley) Spring on December 2, 1950. He was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

Dick served his country with the Army Air Corp during WWII, serving with the 502nd Bomb Group, 411th Bomb Squadron and 315th Bomb Wing 20 Army Air Force. He received the American Theater Ribbon; Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon; two Bronze Stars and the Distinguished Unit Badge Victory Medal.

Dick was manager of the Business Equipment in downtown Zanesville retiring following many years of service and was a member of the Zanesville Kiwanis Club where he was past president. He was a 50 year member of The Boy Scouts of America; a cause very near and dear to Dick's heart. Dick earned a place in the history of the Muskingum Valley Council as one of their most active, and committed volunteers. Through his 50 years of service to the local scouts, he personally led 13 Treks to Philmont and served as a leader in Boy Scouting and Exploring. Dick served in many different committees and boards including many years on the Executive Board. His passion and dedication were an inspiration to the hundreds of leaders and thousands of youth who knew him. Dick has been the recipient of many honors and awards which include; Silver Beaver Award, Vigil Honor and 40 Year Veteran Award and 50 Year Veteran Award. The Muskingum Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America

benefited, and the council is a better place, thanks to his years of exceptional service!

In addition to his wife, Dick is survived by two sons: Richard (Rick) Paul (Sherri Lynn Gates) Spring II and Tim Alan (Becky McBroom) Spring. He has five grandchildren: Daniel Jared, Jeremy James, Trinda Marie Walter, Andrew Spring and Leah Spring. He has eight great grandchildren, Jordanna, Serenity, Destiny, Daniel Jared (DJ), Chelcee, Makenna, Tyler and Colton Walter.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sons: John Ralph Spring, and Todd Andrew Spring (Darla Archibald).

Per Dick's wishes there will be no visitation and a cremation has taken place. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 AM, Friday, August 9, 2013 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church with Fr. Martin J. Ralko as celebrant. Burial will follow in Mt. Olive Cemetery with VFW Post 1058 conducting Full Military Honors. Memorial contributions may be made to Muskingum Valley Council, Boy Scouts of American, 734 Moorehead Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 in Dick's memory. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike
Zanesville, OH 43701

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard P. "Dick" Spring*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *I wish to send on my sympathy to the Spring family. Dick was one of my mentors as a scout. Dick and I took our first trip to Philmont Scout Ranch together in 1972, he was my crew advisor and I was a youth. He is my inspiration as to why I am currently still involved as an adult leader now and have spent the past 46 years active in the Boy Scouts of American. I am saddened to hear he has walked on to a better place.*

*Jeff Vandebark, Eagle Scout (Troop 126 and Crew 117 Zanesville)
Scoutmaster, Troop 26 Pickerington, Ohio*

Jeff Vandnebark - August 13, 2013 at 06:29 AM



“ *We wish to send our sympathy to Ruth and the family. Dick was a indeed a loyal scouter and friend.*

Fritz & Barbara Thomas

Barbara & Fritz Thomas - August 10, 2013 at 09:41 AM

BT

“ I often saw Dick at Genesis Lifestyle and Fitness Center. Dick had met my two sons years ago through Boy Scouts. He always asked how my boys were. He was thrilled when they went to Philmont and followed their progress through Eagle Scout. The boys are grown now, and Dick still would ask about them and was interested and pleased to know they had sons of their own who are now in scouting. Dick was such a caring person - always interested in others. I will miss the conversations I had with him. He was special.

*Betsy Thomas
Zanesville, Ohio*

Betsy Thomas - August 09, 2013 at 06:39 AM

ST

“ Thank you Dick. All of us who were lucky enough to go to Philmont with you are better people because of you. Words will not express my Appreciation. May I be able to pay forward as you taught all of us. Most sincerely Steve "Pockets" Baldwin
Heaven just got a little better because u r surely there.....”

steve - August 08, 2013 at 09:40 PM

TK

“ I am sorry for your loss. My mother Carol Arnold worked with Dick at Busines Equipment Co and I remember she spoke of him often and what a nice person he was. My condolences to your family. Terri (Arnold) Kanavel.

Terri Kanavel - August 07, 2013 at 08:54 PM

RB

“ *Ruth and Family - Missy and I will not be able to attend the funeral on August 9th but it is only because she is scheduled for out-patient surgery at the James OSU. Dick was one of those generous leaders who set a good example and expected the same from others. Besides sharing about 20 years on the Muskingum Valley Council Board we were at Philmont in the early 1990s with him. Our daughter Faith - then an Explorer - has good memories of this smiling, crusty leader who drove all the way out there while we flew. When I was Council President he was like a counsellor to me. He is missed.*

Missy and Dick Baker, Cambridge

Richard Baker - August 07, 2013 at 02:17 PM

JS

“ Mrs. Spring and Family,

In 1983 I met Dick for the first time at an Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet held at the IBEW Hall. He was my sponsor for that evening having earned the rank of Eagle the year before. The Council Office has not been the same since he has not been there to greet people. He had a way of connecting with people like no other person I have ever met. I think it was his inspiration that has kept me in Scouting all these years. Dick served as a great Mentor for many Scouts and Scouters over the years. Had it not have been for people like him, many young people would not be where they are today. Myself included. You have my most sincere and deepest sympathy in the loss of your husband and father. He will be sadly missed!



*J. Eric Finley, Sr.
Chief of Police
Village of South Zanesville*

*Committee Chairman
Boy Scout Troop 190
Muskingum Valley Council
Rolling Plains Church
South Zanesville, Ohio*

J. Eric Finley, Sr. - August 07, 2013 at 12:49 PM

JN

“ Ruth so very sorry for your loss. I have all the memories we have together over the years. lol Jean Carol Neal

jean carol neal - August 07, 2013 at 09:40 AM

NS

“ Dear Ruth and Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are sent to you at this time. Although we have been away from the Zanesville area for many years, I heard family news through Dad and Mom (Robert and Mary Lou Eppley) and brother, Tom. Both of you were always spoken of with respect and affection.

Dick will live on with you in the wonderful memories you have.

Fred and Nancy (Eppley) Shaw

Nancy Shaw - August 06, 2013 at 09:54 AM

JA

“ *Our most sincere condolences to each and every one of Dick's family and friends at this sad time.*

I remember how fond our mother and father were of Dick and he will be greatly missed by everyone.

If there is anything we can do for any of you, kindly let us know please. I'm sorry that Howard and I will not be able to make the trip from Atlanta to be with you at this time, but know our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you. May God give you all comfort and strength in your fond memories.

Love and much caring to all- The Frank and Ruby Armbrust family, Sister Patty, Charles, Tom, Joan and Howard Goldstein.

Joan Armbrust-Goldstein - August 06, 2013 at 08:13 AM

KP

“Seventeen years ago, I came to Zanesville for the first time. I was interviewing for a job with the boy scouts. I was greeted at the front desk by Dick, who was volunteering that day. We talked for about 15 minutes before I was called back for my interview. I remember thinking, "If everyone in Zanesville is as nice and friendly as Mr. Spring, this will be a good place to live and work." I was honored to call Dick my friend from that moment on. He left the world a better place than he found it, and will be terribly missed.

Kevin Pinson - August 02, 2013 at 08:49 AM

KS

Happy trails to you, until we meet again my friend. There are so many thing I would say but most important Dick was my friend. We shared many times. He was one of Scoutings True Friends Rest in peace my friend you are mised by so many.

Ken Scherf TR 542

Ken Scherf - August 07, 2013 at 04:06 PM

DB

*Mrs. Spring and Family,
I worked with Dick at Business Equipment he was a wonderful co-worker and a great friend I enjoyed learning from him, Dick will be missed. So sorry for your loss, Dodi Bessent*

Dodi Bessent - August 08, 2013 at 10:09 PM