



Richard Morton Ice

May 12, 1923 - September 13, 2021

Richard Morton Ice, 98, of Mt. Summit passed away peacefully on the evening of Monday, September 13, 2021 at Glen Oaks Health Campus in New Castle.

He was born on May 12, 1923 in Mt. Summit, a son of the late Trammel and Catherine Ice.

Richard grew up on the family farm in Mt. Summit which was founded by the Ice family dating back to the 1850's. He graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1941. Richard attended Purdue University in 1941 before being drafted in to the United States Army in 1942. He served his country from 1942 – 1946 during WWII and was stationed in England, France and Germany. Richard met his wife, Joan Matthews, in the town of Axminster, Devon, England and they were later engaged on April 20, 1946 and married November 12, 1946 in Gettysburg, PA after the war.

Richard finished his studies in Agriculture at Purdue University in 1947 before moving back to their family farm in Mt. Summit. The Ice family raised dairy cows and at one time had the largest registered Jersey Dairy herd in the state of Indiana. Richard farmed until 1969 before selling the herd. He later worked for the Indiana State Department of Health as a Meat Inspector before retiring in 1983. He enjoyed travelling to Europe, Haiti, Ecuador, and spending time at the family cottage on Walloon Lake in Michigan. He water skied until his 80s

and jet skied at age 94. Most of all Richard was very kind, giving, loving, and a gentle man.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of 75 years, Joan Ice; children, Joe (Betty) Ice and Jill (David) Cook; son-in-law, Charles (Peg) Bell; grandchildren, Angela (Aaron) Miller, Matt (Danielle) Bell, Kelsea (Dean) Behrendsen, Jordan (Alexis) Ice and Christopher Cook; great-grandchildren, Rylee, Kolby, Marc, Christian, Collin, Lola, Mira and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Jennifer Lou Bell and a sister, Barbara Ice Smith.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Salvation Army.

Celebration of life gathering will be held from 2 - 5 pm, Sunday, October 3, 2021 at the Mt. Summit Community Building.

A private burial will be held with the family at Mt. Summit Cemetery with military honors conducted by contingents from the U.S. Army and the American Legion.

You may send the family personal condolences at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Richard Ice.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Summit Cemetery

Mt. Summit Cemetery
Prairie, IN

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 3. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Summit Community Building
106 W Main Street
Mt. Summit, IN 47361

Tribute Wall

JO

“ *My memories of Ice family are as rich and pure as the Jersey milk they produced for decades and you don't have to read far to learn Dick served his country in World War II, being part of that greatest generation.*

If you've had the pleasure of knowing Dick and Joan, you know they raised three wonderful human beings and that family was always the key to their hearts.

If you've known Dick Ice for a while, you know that he not only kept his family fed, but also produced wheat, meat, corn, and soy beans for tens of thousands of us for decades as well as some of the best milk, butter, cheese, and ice cream to be found.

Dick probably worked more in his 98 years than three or four average men, all with few words and a that ever present smile.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Joan and the family. Well done, Mr. Ice. Rest in peace.

Jim Ogle

James D Ogle - September 27, 2021 at 10:26 AM

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trammel Smith - September 26, 2021 at 03:31 PM

LM

“ I recently had the privilege of meeting Richard & Joan at their new residence, Joan shared with me how the two of them meet. Richard smiled while listening to Joan tell me their story, what a beautiful couple full of love for each other. I am so sorry for your loss and pray for God to give you peace, comfort and strength in the days ahead.



Lisa Miiler - September 17, 2021 at 07:53 PM

BC

“ David and I were remembering the time we visited one summer and Uncle Dick took us on a fun tour of the property on his tractor. We then took a driving tour of different family cemeteries and he told us stories and history of our relatives. Aunt Joan served us a yummy quiche before we headed out. Felling love and gratitude!



Beverly Clark - September 17, 2021 at 06:57 PM

BC

“ Beverly Clark lit a candle in memory of Richard Morton Ice



Beverly Clark - September 17, 2021 at 06:42 PM

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“ *Trammel Smith lit a candle in memory of Richard Morton Ice*



Trammel Smith - September 17, 2021 at 02:48 PM

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Trammel Smith - September 17, 2021 at 01:54 PM

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Trammel Smith - September 17, 2021 at 12:16 PM



This had to have turned out all right or you probably wouldn't have posted it but it was a bit stressful for me. I know you all are so proud of the life he lived. Blessed!

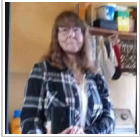
*In sincerity,
Connie Kepner Davis*

Connie Davis - September 17, 2021 at 12:38 PM

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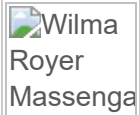
Oh how much fun to watch him go enjoying himself! Warms my heart!

Beverly Clark - September 17, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *So Sorry for your loss . I have alot of memories of our parents and the Plaid Bragade BRV Band . Good times . Smile a memories <3*

Jonni Lumpkin - September 16, 2021 at 03:26 PM



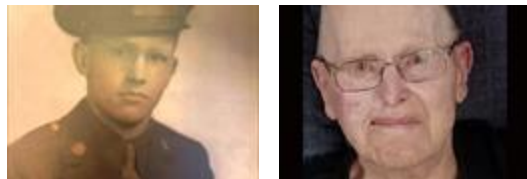
“ *Wilma Royer Massengale lit a candle in memory of Richard Morton Ice*



Wilma Royer Massengale - September 16, 2021 at 09:26 AM



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Sproles Family Funeral Home - September 15, 2021 at 01:23 PM