



Richard H. Ludwig

September 19, 1930 - December 18, 2022

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age 92, of Park Falls, formerly of Janesville and Fort Atkinson, died on Sunday December 18, 2022 at his home in Butternut. He was born on September 19, 1930 in Janesville, the son of Harry and Mildred (Schultz) Ludwig. Richard served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. On June 30, 1956 he married Joan Babzien and in 1983 the couple moved to Butternut. Richard earned a Bachelors of Business Education from UW Whitewater and a Masters of Science and Business Education from UW Madison. He was a teacher from 1960 to 1970 in Fifield and Park Falls and then worked for Southwestern Publishing on textbooks he taught from until 1990. He then was a substitute teacher in Glidden from 1990 until 2009. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading, and spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his (4)children: Ingrid (Darryl) Koch of Fort Atkinson, Richard Jr. (Carol Ball) Ludwig of Fort Atkinson, Barbara (Randy) Wiesmann of Fort Atkinson, and Susan Sullivan of Lily, (7)grandchildren: Megan (Alec) Stevens & Peter Koch, Kyle Ludwig, Ryan & Ashley Wiesmann, and Kory (Mindy) Walters & Kayla Sullivan, (5)great-grandchildren: Sawyer, Owen, Sophia, Siobhon, and Fynnlee. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Joan in 2018, and (2)sisters: Joan Alwin and Laura

Jean Huhn.

A visitation will be held at Birch Street Funeral Service Chapel in Park Falls on Wednesday December 21, 2022 from 5:00pm until 7:00pm

Funeral Services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Atkinson on Monday December 26, 2022 at 11:00am. Pastor Amy Waelchli will officiate. A visitation will be held at the church from 10:00am until the hour of the service.

Burial with military honors will follow the service at Evergreen Cemetery in Fort Atkinson.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.
www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Fort Atkinson, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Birch Street Funeral Service
350 Birch Street
Park Falls, WI 54552
(715) 762-3287
birchstreetfuneralservice@outlook.com
<https://www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com>

Visitation

DEC **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
314 Barrie Street
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard H. Ludwig*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Mr. Ludwig was my Bookkeeping teacher at Lincoln High as well as Advisor to the TORCH Senior year when I was the Editor of our yearbook. I remember his patience, his humor, and most of all, his sage advice. He encouraged me to check out the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater. How thankful I was for his suggestion. It was there I met my roommate of four years who had Mr. Ludwig when she was a student at Parker HS in Janesville. She, too, mentioned his patience as a teacher. I graduated from Whitewater, and taught Business Education for many years. All along, I kept in contact with Mr. Ludwig. He was always so thankful for my calls, interested in what not only me, but my family - how we were doing. It was a tough last call with him in October when he told me about his cancer. He's left his mark on many students who were fortunate to have him as their teacher in Janesville, Fifield and Park Falls.*
Carol Malach Gutt - Class '67 Lincoln High

Carol Lynn Gutt - December 22, 2022 at 10:30 PM



“ *To my dearest grandpa, just know Owen and I love and miss you greatly. You were an inspiration to many people world wide. A great teacher and person to lean on. Goodbye grandpa I love you with all of my heart. ❤️*

Kayla - December 22, 2022 at 04:04 AM

SS

What a great couple he and Joan were! I knew him first as one of my high school teachers and then met his lovely wife with the hospital auxiliary. They will both be missed. My sympathy to the family.

Sue Seidl - December 22, 2022 at 07:16 PM

JS

“ *Mr. Ludwig was a wonderful, caring teacher. I have often thought of him as I sit at my computer keyboard blasting out missives and I remember asking him if he really thought it was important for me to learn to type! HA! Was he ever right.*

As said before, his wonderful sense of humor kept us all in stitches!

RIP Mr. Ludwig

Jim Smart

jim Smart - December 21, 2022 at 10:14 AM

LS

“ *Mr. Ludwig was one of my favorite teachers. I have so many wonderful memories of him. He was patient and kind. I loved his sense of humor. He made learning easy. Linda N,*

Linda Neeck Smith - December 21, 2022 at 08:00 AM

MS

“ *Mr. Ludwig was a wonderful teacher! He will be dearly missed.*

Megan S - December 21, 2022 at 12:09 AM

SE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dick (Mr. Ludwig to anyone who had him for a teacher) was the BEST business teacher I ever had. Because of him I became a business teacher too when I went to Whitewater. Then I did my practice teaching under him and then he visited my school to sell business books. So you see, he had a tremendous effect on me for many years. This summer he attended our 1962 class reunion. As usual, it was difficult to call him Dick instead of Mr. Ludwig because I respected him so much. I will not be able to attend the wake in Park Falls or go to the funeral but please realize that your father/grandfather/great-grandfather was an AWESOME man and tremendous mentor. I am so glad he was a part of my life.

SANDY EHREN - December 20, 2022 at 09:15 PM

JE

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Dick on Friday nights when he would enjoy his fish fry. My son and I both loved visiting with him and listening to his stories. My favorite stories were the ones about his hummingbirds and how many he had to feed. Dick had the best sense of humor and such a kind and gentle personality. His advice to me was always 'be good or be good at it' which I read often in a special place in my classroom. We will all miss him dearly! God bless all of his family and friends. Love, Jennie and Dylan

Jennie - December 20, 2022 at 11:17 AM