



Richard Lee Branch

December 12, 1937 - June 20, 2012

Anderson - Richard Lee Branch, 74, Anderson, passed away June 20, 2012 at Countryside Manor, Anderson after a courageous seven year battle with cancer. He was born December 12, 1937 in Anderson, Indiana, and resided in Anderson most of his life. Richard was a graduate of Franklin Grade School where he played basketball and attended Anderson High School, class of 1957. He served his country in the Air Force Strategic Air Command for eight years. He continued his studies while in the Air Force. While stationed in Kansas, he met his bride-to-be, Charlene Hite. They were married December 26, 1958. He retired in 1997 as a supervisor from Delco Remy Division of General Motors. Richard was a member of Whetstone Christian Church where he served on many boards and sang in the choir. He was a member of the Ovid Masonic Lodge #164 F. & A.M. and the American Legion. He enjoyed camping, traveling, visiting friends made during his military years and friends made while wintering in Palmetto, Florida. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Charlene Hite Branch; children, Robert Branch and Laura Bartlett Dan; siblings, Patricia Branch, Larry Branch and Sandi Meek Bill; brother-in-law, Gene Hite Jane; sister-in-law, Barbara Cox Ed; grandchildren, Courtney Bartlett, Stephanie Bartlett, Katie Bartlett and Hannah Bartlett; many nieces and nephews; close friends, David & Sandy Newman of Anderson, Stan & Julie Wasielewski of Huntsville, Alabama, Gary & Glenda Jarvis of Lebo, Kansas and Don & Sandy Jones of Avoca, New York; and puppy, Sami. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Aubra & Marjorie Eulelia Moore

Branch; and sisters-in-law, Sylvia Branch and Wendy Hite. Visitation will be from 4-8:00 PM on Friday, June 22, 2012 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory; 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson. A Masonic Service will be Friday evening. Services will be Saturday, June 23, 2012 at 10:00 AM, at the funeral home, with Pastor Stephen Gettinger officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson. Memorial contributions may be made to Whetstone Christian Church-Men's Saturday Morning Prayer Group. www.LooseCares.com

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“ *Charlene & Family, Our hearts & prayers are with you even though we can't be, do to time & distance. It was a pleasure to have know Dick and we think of all the laughs we have shared with you both. Such good friends don't come around very often and we will miss Dick so very much. Love You, We are so Sorry for Your Loss, Thad & Betty*

Thad & Betty Richards - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM