



Richard Dexter Seaver

October 20, 1934 - September 9, 2021

Richard “Rick” Dexter Seaver passed away on September 9, 2021. He was born on October 20, 1934, in Newport, New Hampshire to Helen (Brooks) Seaver and George Seaver. He was raised at the Knightstown Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Home in Knightstown, Indiana.

While at the Knightstown Home his mentors discovered Rick had musical talent. They arranged and provided transportation for him to take vocal lessons at the Jordan School of Music in Indianapolis. This was made possible through a sponsoring American Legion Chapter. Rick graduated from Morton Memorial High School then attended Ball State University where he received his BS and MA degrees. He was a member of the BSU Concert Choir and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Rick began his teaching career as the band and choral director at Middletown High School. After serving in the U.S. Army, he returned to teach at Scecina High School. Rick started as Choral Director of Anderson High School the next school year. While at Anderson High School he founded the show choir which through the years won many awards and accolades. He loved competing with the show choir and presenting musicals with the entire choral department. Rick was a staunch Anderson Indians supporter, truly loved teaching, and his students. After leaving the high school, he taught elementary for several years combining for 50 years of total teaching before finally retiring.

Additionally, Rick was the choral director for several churches throughout his

career. These included First Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church in Anderson as well as the First Christian Church in Noblesville, Indiana. Giving back to the place which gave him so much, Rick started a show choir at the Knightstown Soldiers' and Sailors' Home which he led on weekends for numerous years. In April 1999 Governor Frank O'Bannon bestowed the honor of Sagamore of the Wabash Award to Rick, the highest civilian honor in the State of Indiana.

Rick is survived by his wife of 61 years Dixie Lee Seaver; son Ric Seaver, daughter-in-law Stephanie Seaver; grandsons Griffin and Graham Seaver; brother, Loring (Delores) Seaver, several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Arthur.

Visitation will be at Loose Funeral Home, 200 W. 53rd Street, Anderson, Indiana on Thursday, September 16 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The funeral service will be at Carmel United Methodist Church, 621 S. Rangeline Road, Carmel, Indiana on Friday, September 17 at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Dove Harbor Transitional Housing Ministry (Anderson), Hamilton County Humane Society (Noblesville), or a charity of your choice in memory of Rick.

www.loosecares.com

The service will be live-streamed through the Carmel United Methodist Church's website: www.CarmelUMC.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes Community Room
200 West 53rd Street
Anderson, IN 46013

Service

SEP **17.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Carmel United Methodist Church
621 South Rangeline Rod
Carmel, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard Dexter Seaver*



Loose Funeral Home - September 17, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Dexter Seaver*



Loose Funeral Home - September 14, 2021 at 04:59 PM

SG

A beautiful tribute to a life well lived. He will me missed.

Sharon Grubaugh - September 17, 2021 at 09:40 PM

LP

“Mr. Seaver was a magnificent choral director. He was a great influence on me, had confidence in me, and encouraged me to pursue my dream of music. I owe so much to him. Without him, the direction of my life may have been drastically different.

He loved many, and was loved by many. He taught and influenced thousands in an amazing manner out of his passion for education and love of music that we shared with him. The direction and hope he gave so many to pursue music and the performing arts was immeasurable.

He shaped many lives, including my mom's (Susie Farr Price) who had him as a choral director in the 70s. I think of all the memories we shared during the four years I was blessed to be his student, and am blessed to hear stories from my mom and others.

His favorite phrase was, "More diction!" He was funny, relatable, optimistic, and wise. He treated us like a father, a grandfather, a friend.

I still get tears when I think of our Anderson High School "Singers Unlimited" show choir performing the ballad, "Send in the Clowns," (a very powerful song) under his direction...

But where are the clowns...

There ought to be clowns...

Send in the clowns...

Don't bother, they're here

Rest in Peace, Mr. Seaver. ❤️🙏

May peace and comfort be with your family, and with all the rest of us who love you.

It is my honor and privilege to know you and to share my unique story of this incredible man.

*PS: I made a Facebook post inviting my friends to share more stories. There has been a lot shared just within these 24 hours in the comments section of my post:
<https://www.facebook.com/laylapricebodkin/posts/10225309200974197>*



Layla Price-Bodkin - September 17, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Dexter Seaver.*



September 15, 2021 at 09:06 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to your family, Mr. Seaver. You truly were one of the greats. You not only made this country, state, city and community a better place, you made me a better person. Thank you for believing in me when I didn't even believe in myself. You made such a great, positive impact on me and my life. I am so grateful to you and hope that I can continue paying it forward. May the Lord bless you and keep you. You will be missed greatly, sir.*

PJ (Burkett) Swafford - September 15, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Dexter Seaver.*



September 15, 2021 at 03:40 PM



“ *Teresa Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Richard Dexter Seaver*



Teresa Lloyd - September 15, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ *Rick was a great choir director and friend. First Christian Church choir has never been the same since he left. Julia and Dave Nicholson*

Julia Nicholson - September 15, 2021 at 08:34 AM



Anderson High school Choral department was Mr. Seaver. You students are forever grateful 💕 (Sara Shoemaker)

Sara Smith McFarland - September 15, 2021 at 02:32 PM



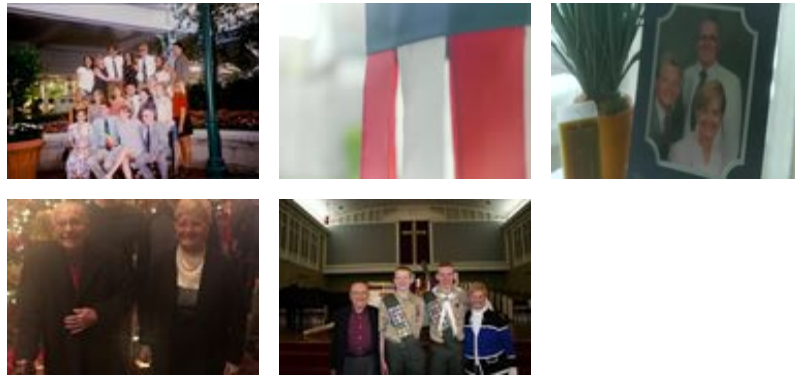
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Richard Dexter Seaver.



September 14, 2021 at 10:47 PM



“ *88 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Loose Funeral Home - September 14, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Richard Dexter Seaver.



September 13, 2021 at 05:00 PM

J'

“ Thank you, Rick, for our then-Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home Swing Choir, and all the awesome memories you and Ms. (Martha) Sowash helped create through your talent in musical knowledge and our many concerts. You are the best!

Jack D Reynolds, ISSCH Class of '73 - September 13, 2021 at 02:41 PM

LK

“ My favorite memories are when the Seavers, Fidgers, and Perkins visited us for long summer weekends. What joy and laughter we shared! I'll never forget my “Rixie and Trixie “ as I mistakenly called them when I was little! So sorry for your loss. Lisa (O'Brien) King

Lisa King - September 13, 2021 at 06:49 AM

JK

“ This is very sad news. We have lost a good man. He gave a tremendous amount to our society. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family and all of his many friends.
——-Jack Keesling

jack keesling - September 12, 2021 at 08:22 PM

JT

“ Jan Morris Bob, Too lit a candle in memory of Richard Dexter Seaver



Jan Morris Bob, too - September 12, 2021 at 05:16 PM



Jan and Bob Morris - both of us were students of Ricks and we thought the world of Rick. I student taught with Rick even though BSU said you couldn't teach in your home school. I was blessed to be student-teaching when little Ric was born.

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Jan Morris Bob, too - September 12, 2021 at 05:21 PM

BC

Always in my heart...a very special man and a very special friend! His faith carried him through until the Lord carried him home! Loved his Dixie with all his heart! Will always be remembered! Barbara Cimeley

Barbara Cimeley - September 12, 2021 at 07:15 PM