



## Richard Lee Townsend

September 15, 1926 - November 27, 2011

Anderson - Richard Lee Townsend, 85, Anderson, passed away November 27, 2011 at his residence after an extended illness. He was born September 15, 1926 in Elwood, Indiana, and lived in Madison County most of his life. Richard served his country in the US Army during WWII. He loved farming, flying, and was a School bus driver for South Madison Schools for 27 years. He retired as a salesman from Bob Myers Buick after 33 years of service. He was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Joseph Kernan in March of 2004. He was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #209, where he held many offices in the Elks organization; American Legion Post #127, past commander; and VFW Post #266. Left to cherish his memory are his wife whom he married January 11, 1969, Nila K. Franklin Townsend; children, Sheila Fae Jim Doughty of Gaston and Doug Townsend Deborah Castie of Elm Grove, Louisiana; siblings, Jeannie Pike of Anderson, John Jean Townsend of North Carolina, Gladys Parker of Gaston, Keith Dana Townsend of Muncie, Susie Norrick of Gaston, Janice Bob Winkle of Muncie, Sally Ron Nichols of Muncie and Sharon Larry Hatfield of Muncie; grandchildren, Shawn Flo Doughty of Alabama, Angela Dick Johnson of Gaston, Richana Townsend Vailes of Bossier, Louisiana and Richard William Sheree Townsend of Carthage, Texas; great grandchildren, Zayne, Makayla, Jentry, Lauryn, Caleb, Natalie, Zhane' and Kyler; sisters-in-law, Sherry Fields of Middletown and Cindy K. Dean Franklin; brother-in-law, K. Dean Franklin of Chesterfield; several nieces and nephews; and many special friends at the

Anderson Elks Lodge. A special thank you to Dr. Ravi Sarin, Dr. Carol Magee, and the Dialysis Center Staff for their excellent care. He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester & Pearl Smock Townsend and brother-in-law, Les Franklin. Visitation will be from 4-8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory; 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson; and one hour prior to service on Thursday. An Elks Lodge #209 Memorial Service will be held at 7:00 PM. Services will be Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 2:30 PM, at the funeral home, with Pastor Gina Kirkland officiating. Internment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson, immediately following the services. Memorial contributions may be made to the Elks National Foundation through the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #209; or American Kidney Foundation. [www.LooseCares.com](http://www.LooseCares.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dick was my bus driver from Ovid to Fall Creek Heights School all eight years I attended. Also, he lived west of Ovid about 1-2 miles from my house. The Lord's blessing to his family.

Tom Tupps - December 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Sharon and "The Townsend's" Sorry for the loss of Dick. We didn't know him as well as we did the "Sisters". We are sure that he was a wonderful guy. Our thoughts are with all of you. Love Ya, Bruce, Linda, and Amber

Bruce, Linda, and Amber Hatfield - December 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Sheila, Jim and family, wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Jim Smith - December 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I was blessed to know Richard and Nila the past few years. They are very special people and Richard will be missed. My deepest sympathy to Nila and family. May God give you comfort in your time of grief.

Debi Cox - November 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Knew Dick for a long time. A good man

Steve Clore - November 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *My condolences to Nila and the entire family. John Tonyes*

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**John Tonyes** - November 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Nila, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Dick was a wonderful person and he will be missed. Mick and Jean Ann*

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**Mick McCormack** - November 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *My condolences to Nila and the entire Townsend family.*

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**Jack Grant** - November 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM