



Richard Joseph Cissell

July 27, 1925 - May 19, 2010

Richard Joseph “Dick” Cissell peacefully passed away at home in the company of his loving wife of 61 years, Nancy Marlene Cissell on Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

Born in Alton, IL on July 27th, 1928, son of Joseph Curtis Cissell and Thelma Marie (Gaffney) Cissell, preceded in death by his Mother and Father, his oldest brother, Art Cissell, sister, Mary Margaret (Cissell) Koon and son, Richard Joseph, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, son Timothy Patrick Cissell and wife Amy, their children Coleman and Caitlin, and daughter Sheri Cissell Anderson, her children Jordan, Dillon, and Claire. Also, he is survived by brother, William Cissell and wife, Elise, loving family members Bob and Betty Lumley and Jim and Shirley Vuch of St. Louis, MO and many loving nieces and nephews.

Coaxed on a blind date by life-long friend, Jim Vuch to meet the younger sister of his girlfriend Shirley, Dick and Nancy fell in love and married in St. Louis, June 4th, 1949. After completing service in the National Guard, he began to work for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, where he worked for over 25 years. He continued his career at the Monumental Life Insurance Company, where he worked until he retired in 1991.

In 1991, Dick and Nancy found their own heaven on earth when they moved to a little house on a lake near Durant, OK, becoming active members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, where they co-founded Our Saviour's Table soup kitchen in 1999.

He served for many years as financial secretary for the West Bryan County Fire and Rescue Department, on the advisory board of the Bryan County Special Olympics and the advisory board of the United Way of Durant.

Dick became well known as the "Popcorn Man" and greeter at the First United Bank & Trust, working there for 17 years, making many wonderful friends. Dick Cissell never met a stranger and was well-loved by the community of his friends in Durant.

His many joyful pastimes included spending time with his grandchildren, golfing, fishing and playing cards, and as score-keeper, he frequently won.

Services will be held on Saturday, May 22nd, 2010, 11 am at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1524 West Main Street, Durant, OK 74701. Dr. John Nelsen of El Paso, TX and Pastor Dorothy Fowler of Sherman, TX will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to Our Saviour's Table in care of the church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

Brown's Funeral Service and Texoma Cremation Service are handling the arrangements.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Joseph Cissell*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Dick was such a bright light. I looked forward to seeing you both whenever you came to play cards with the Slice's, or came to a show. You are truly lucky to have found your soul mate and be together for 61 years. Congratulations on a beautiful marriage and a wonderful team. You and Dick have always been two of my all-time favorite people. May the Lord bring you comfort during this difficult time.*

The following is a passage from Romeo and Juliet. I think it fits Dick perfectly. I hope it brings you comfort.

"...and when he shall die, take him and cut him out into little stars. And he shall make the face of heaven SO FINE that ALL the WORLD will be in love with night. And pay no worship to the garish sun."

Derek, Riley, Will and Molly Coker - May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nancy and family - Please know you are all in our prayers. Dick touched so many with his wit, humor and genuine personality. I thank the Lord he was a part of our "family" and have such fond memories of him over the past 37 years. Thanks to all of you for sharing him with us!*

Suzy Sittel - May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Nancy and family
We were deeply saddened to learn of Dick's passing this morning.
Through the many years we worked at Met Life I found Dick to be
an outstanding salesman, excellent competitor and a dedicated
hard worker. This is borne out by the promotions and successes he
had in the insurance industry.*

Again, we extend to you, Tim and Sheri, our deepest sympathy.

Clark and Louise Elliott

Clark Elliott - May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dick was very special to me and others that he worked with at the
bank. He was always cheerful to you and anyone else he meet. He
will be missed dearly and the bank will never be the same without
him.*

My thoughts are with the family at this time of a great loss.

Sheila Mills (First United)

Sheila Mills - May 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared,
comfort you now and in the days ahead.*

Vernon R. White (First United) - May 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Nancy & family,

Our hearts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are all so blessed to have known Dick as he brought a smile to everyone around him and was never one to forget to give you a hug. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that he is now sporting a pair of "Irish" Green Angel Wings and is at peace watching after all of us. We love you.

Roy, Brenda, & Amber Rhodes

Brenda Rhodes - May 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM