



## Richard "Dickie" Shafer

April 8, 1927 - January 31, 2024

Richard "Dickie" Shafer, 96, of Troy, Missouri, passed away on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, in Mercy Hospital St. Louis, Missouri. He was born on April 8, 1927, in Troy, Missouri, and was the son of Emmett and Mabel (Clare) Shafer. Dickie was united in marriage to Vera Ruth Holmes on September 9, 1950 and to this union one son was born.

Dickie graduated from Buchanan High. He served his country during the World War II in the United States Navy from May 25, 1945 until he was honorably discharged on July 31, 1946. In his earlier years he worked in the trucking industry, went to work at McDonnell Douglas and shortly after started farming in Lincoln County. He was an active part of the community, serving on various boards, including: Farmers Elevator Board, SCS Board, Extension Council, Leaders Honor Roll, Masonic Lodge, with 70 years of membership, Kiwanis with over 25 years of dedication and First Christian Church Member. The Shafer Family was honored at the Missouri State Fair as a Farm Family. Dickie liked going to tractor pulls and traveling with his wife Ruthie to Las Vegas. Dickie looked forward to Thursday mornings at Lincoln County Veterans Coffee Talk, where they would honor him as a WWII Veteran. You would see Dickie every morning at the coffee shop surrounded by close friends at the liar's table. When you would see Dickie, he always had a smile on his face and a story to tell. His words of wisdom will be missed.

Dickie is survived by his son, Jay Shafer and wife Rhonda of Troy, MO; granddaughter, Jaime Carroz and husband Jeremy of Troy, MO; one great-grandson, Spencer Carroz; nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Emmett and Mabel Shafer; wife, Ruthie Shafer; one brother, Kenneth Shafer and one sister, Dorothy Bendixen.

Family and friends will be received from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at KEMPER-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel located at 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 5, 2024 at Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel in Troy, MO. Interment will be held at Troy City Cemetery in Troy, MO. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Lincoln County Veterans Coffee Talk in care of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222 Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Online condolences may be made at [www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com](http://www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com) Phone 636 528-8221

# Cemetery Details

## Troy City Cemetery

Boone Street  
Troy, MO 63379

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel - Troy  
351 Monroe St.  
Troy, MO 63379  
(636) 528-8221  
millardchapel@aol.com

## Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Jay, I am really sorry for your loss. Your dad was a great guy, a Mayberry kind of guy. He was a good example of how a person should live life. He was a real asset to the community.  
Randy Cox

Randy Cox - February 03, 2024 at 11:11 AM

SG

“ Jay and family sorry for your loss the community has lost a great man .

Steve Gnade - February 02, 2024 at 05:07 PM

CM

“ Cindy Malone purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Richard "Dickie" Shafer.



Cindy Malone - February 02, 2024 at 03:05 PM

CM

“ Cindy Malone planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dickie" Shafer.

Cindy Malone - February 02, 2024 at 03:05 PM

CD

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family. Our thoughts are with you. Your Grandmother, your mother and your dad were always good friends and miss them all. Sorry unable to attend services.*  
*Carl Davis*

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**Carl W Davis** - February 02, 2024 at 12:05 PM

JO

“ *Jim and Denise Olendorff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard "Dickie" Shafer.*



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**Jim and Denise Olendorff** - February 02, 2024 at 09:38 AM

AW

“ *Mr. Dickie was a light at every Veterans Coffee Talk I was at. He was always so welcoming and I loved being able to sit and talk to him. My daughter absolutely loved being able to talk to "someone that is part of the history books". Mr. Dickie was so happy when she was around just visiting with everyone. I will truly miss his lighthearted personality and his bright smile. He was a true credit to his country and community. Mr. Dickie will be remembered for his love of his family, friends and will be greatly missed. Prayers to you and your family.*

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**Abigail Wise** - February 02, 2024 at 01:16 AM

SB

“ *Prayers for Jay and family.*

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**Stacy & Sandy Bergesch** - February 01, 2024 at 08:34 PM

GJ

“ I sat next to Dick at coffee talk for years. Then he started living @ Sugar Creek. I took him every thursday too Coffee Talk & he enjoyed being with his veteran buddies. I will miss him. George Conner

George Conner Jr - February 01, 2024 at 06:46 PM

KM

“ Keith and Rachel Myers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard "Dickie" Shafer.



Keith and Rachel Myers - February 01, 2024 at 03:20 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Richard "Dickie" Shafer.



February 01, 2024 at 01:41 PM

TK

“ The Kirchner's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dickie" Shafer.

The Kirchner's - February 01, 2024 at 01:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dickie" Shafer.*



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February 01, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *Jay, Rhonda, Jamie and family  
So very sorry for your loss. Dickie was the sweetest man and  
always had that cute smile! Love, Mark & Debbie Worsley*

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**Debbie Worsley** - February 01, 2024 at 07:50 AM



“ *The Luebrecht family and Niehoff family.  
purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the  
family of Richard "Dickie" Shafer.*



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**The Luebrecht family and Niehoff family.** - February 01, 2024  
at 07:50 AM