



## Richard Lee Tanis

November 19, 1939 - September 16, 2020

Richard Lee Tanis 80, Matteson, IL died Wednesday, September 16, 2020. Richard was born November 19th, 1939 in Grand Rapids, MI to Charles and Jessie Tanis. Richard married Roxanna Stath on June 17, 1972.

He was a pro golfer and golf professional, and owner of Custom Clubs by Tanis.

Survived by his sons; Gust (Pattrujar) Tsilis of CA, Bruce Tsilis of SC, Clay (Julie) Tanis of Crete, IL; four daughters Tracy (Brian) O'Malley of Prophetstown, IL, Thais (Michael) Hill of St. Joseph, MI, Jessie Tanis of Park Forest, IL, and Ariana (Wilson Larrarte) of St. John, IN; daughter-in-law Kathy (Gary) Miller of Sparta, WI. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Roxanna, his son, Mark Tsilis; and his siblings, Betty, Mary, Charles Jr., Gloria, Thomas and Norma.

Richard was a member of St. John's Faith Church in Matteson and a U.S. Army veteran. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, trap and skeet shooting, his cabin, watching the Cubs, a rainy night and playing cards.

He was a genuine, gentle and giving man who was referred to by many as

their second father.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, October 3rd from 12:30-2:30 (service to follow) at the American Legion in Matteson, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. John's Faith Church of Matteson, or Glenwood Academy in Glenwood, IL .

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM.

American Legion  
Matteson, IL

# Tribute Wall

EL

“ *My grandfather was a great man. He was always so happy and loving. He was amazing and great at golf.* ”

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**Ella Larrarte** - December 18, 2023 at 11:41 AM

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“ *We had many years with Roxanna and Dick as friends and neighbors. Will always remember our laughs and the big Blue Machine. Rest In Peace.* ”

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**Sandy and Bill Pieper** - October 03, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Tanis.* ”



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October 01, 2020 at 02:00 PM

MW

“ *Rest In Peace Dickie.....I remember he had a 60 something car that had to be refitted to fit him! Lol* ”

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**Melody Letourneau Wood** - September 27, 2020 at 11:50 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Tanis.* ”



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September 26, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ *May his soul rest in peace.* ”

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**Bruce Tsilis** - September 24, 2020 at 08:19 AM



“ *Trey and Toni Roman LaBate purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Richard Lee Tanis.* ”



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**Trey and Toni Roman LaBate** - September 23, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Tanis.* ”



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September 23, 2020 at 12:29 PM

LA

“ I am sending my sincere condolences on Dick's passing to all of his family. He was a kind, erudite, soft-spoken gentleman who always was willing to share his encyclopedic knowledge of the golf swing and the equipment best suited to his clients' golfing needs. He will be greatly missed, and one can only hope that he's teeing it up in Paradise with his wonderful father, Chuck. RIP, my friend!

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**Louis Angellotti** - September 22, 2020 at 04:25 PM

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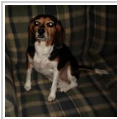
*I'm sending my prayers to Dicks family . I just talked to Dicky on Monday. I have a empty feeling in my heart ! What I most remember of Dick was his kindness, helping anyone he could , and his incredible chuckle an laugh! I will miss u my friend ! Rest In Peace ! Tony Sineni*

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**Tony Sineni** - September 22, 2020 at 11:36 PM

MJ

*Dick was one of the finest human beings I knew. He was my best friend from when we double dated to a quick nine at the Heights. My condolences to the girls. If I could get there for the services I would. From Texas: Matt McBride*

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**Matt L. McBride, Jr.** - September 23, 2020 at 09:21 AM



*Dick was a great neighbor and built my son, Gary, his first set of custom golf clubs back in about the late 80's.He was a solid part of olde Matteson!*

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**Kurt Henriksen** - September 23, 2020 at 10:09 AM

CP

*Dear Friends, Please accept our condolences for the loss of your love one. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

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**Carol & John Pav** - September 23, 2020 at 11:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Tanis.*



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September 22, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ *Dick was the most gentle, kindest person you could know and would do anything for anyone. One of my memories was on Christmas Eve he would come over as he was Lisa's Godfather and him and Howie brought the game Kaboom and played it with her and they used all her balloons. We all got the biggest kick out of him playing that. Also, all the special times we spent up at the cabin with all the family. Rest in peace my dear friend.*

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**Marilyn Milligan** - September 22, 2020 at 02:41 PM



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September 22, 2020 at 01:35 PM