



## Richard G. "Dicky" Boyd Sr.

April 10, 1933 - January 11, 2025

Richard G. "Dicky" Boyd, Sr., age 91 years, a resident of Paducah, Kentucky for the past 53 years and a native of the Reevesville community in Johnson County Illinois, passed away Saturday afternoon, January 11, 2025, at 4:50 P.M. at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky.

Dicky, as he is known to family and friends, was born April 10, 1933 in Reevesville, Illinois. He was the son of William Lee and Esther Aline (Choate) Boyd.

On March 30, 1952, Dicky was united in marriage to R. Aleatha Jones in Corinth, Mississippi. Together, Dicky and Aleatha shared almost 73 years of marriage.

In addition to his wife, Dicky is survived by: a daughter – Karen (her husband, Jerry) Cook of Centralia, Illinois; 5 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; and a brother – David (Maye) Boyd of Sterrett, Alabama.

In addition to his parents, Dicky was preceded in death by a son – Richard G. "Richy" Boyd, Jr. and a sister – Mary Ruth Brooks.

Dicky was a 1951 graduate of Vienna High School. He was employed as a conductor by the Illinois Central (later Canadian National) railways for 47

years. He retired in the late 1990's.

In his youth, Dicky enjoyed hunting. He was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball and University of Kentucky Wildcat basketball teams.

Dicky had attended the former Reevesville Assembly of God Church.

A graveside service honoring the life of Richard G. Boyd, Sr. will be conducted Friday afternoon, January 17, 2025, at 1 P.M. at the Reevesville Cemetery, Ping Lane, Grantsburg, Illinois. Pastor Vince Ottway will officiate. Interment will follow.

Those attending the service are invited to gather at the cemetery at 12:45 P.M. Friday, January 17, 2025. There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-1905 or online by visiting [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Reevesville Cemetery

15 Wright Lane  
Grantsburg, IL

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Although we lived far from Paducah, I always cherished the times I was able to spend time with my uncle Dick. My favorite times with him involved our trips to Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Listening to the badgering between the Giants and Cardinals fans in the car was almost as entertaining as the games. Dick was always a good luck charm when it came to picking games because something exciting always happened when he was there (he was sitting next to me at the "Glenn Brummer" game in 1982). I will forever remember the times he spent with me while he was a conductor on the ICG RR. I wasn't meant to be a train engineer as I first thought I would be, but he gave me a tour of a locomotive that I will never forget. Every time I hear an engine rumble and its horn sound, I will think of you, Uncle Dick. Until we meet again...

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**Stevan Boyd** - January 13, 2025 at 12:10 PM