



Richard "Dick" Dirnberger

December 18, 2011

Claude Richard "Dick" Dirnberger, 77, of Cape Girardeau, passed away Sunday, December 18, 2011. He was born January 25, 1934 in New Hamburg, Mo. to Claude William and Rebecca Brock Dirnberger. He and Mary Jo Ferrell Dirnberger were married August 7, 1954 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in New Hamburg, Mo. She preceded him in death September 23, 2007. Dick graduated from Benton High School and Southeast Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He worked for Drury Inns, Inc. for 31 years and retired as a vice president. He was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral and was very involved in his Catholic faith community. He co-chaired the St. Mary's Building Drive for the new school, was a radio mass commentator, and served on the parish council. At Notre Dame High School, he filled the roles of School Board President and Booster Club President. Dick was also a member of Knights of Columbus Council 1111, Thomas A. Langen Assembly, Fourth Degree, and Elk's Lodge #639. In addition, he was the St. Francis Auxiliary Treasurer and his duties included installing Lifelines for the Auxiliary. Survivors include four sons, Paul, Steve (Charlotte), and Mark Dirnberger of Cape Girardeau, and John (Cathy) Dirnberger of St. Charles, Mo.; three brothers, David Dirnberger of New Hamburg, Mo., Andrew Dirnberger of Benton, Mo., Glen Dirnberger of Cape Girardeau; three sisters, Lois Spalding and Vera Ann Henneman of Benton, Mo., Janet Vetter of Commerce, Mo.; 13 grandchildren, Destiny, Brock, Mariah, Rita Jo, Abraham, Audrey, Samuel, Mary, Christopher, Amanda, Tyler,

Nicholas, and Adam Dirnberger. He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude William and Rebecca Dirnberger; and wife, Mary Jo Dirnberger. Friends may call 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Parish Prayers will be at 7:00 PM with Knights of Columbus Rosary immediately following. Funeral mass will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at St. Mary Cathedral with the Rev. Tom Kiefer officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Mary's Building Fund or Notre Dame Education Fund Foundation.

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Dear Dirnberger Family. I first met your Father when I was a very young man going to college in Springfield Mo. and working at the Drury Inn.(1973) He was just a great all around guy. The one thing I will always remember is that great smile of his. Please accept Susie's and my sympathy! There will be no replacement for your father. He was very special. Chester

Chester & Susie Reed - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Our deepest condolences to Andy, Lois, Janet and all of the Dirnberger family. We share your loss. Dick was a friend and will be truly missed.

Clyde and Margaret Bollinger - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I have known Dick for many years. I will remember him in my prayers, and at Mass. God be with the family. Julie Buehrle

Julie Buehrle - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Steve & Charlotte...so sorry to hear about your Dad. We want you to know that we're thinking about you and keeping you in our prayers. God's speed to you both and to your family....take care.

Cindy & Billy Gage - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Steve John and I are sorry for the loss of your father.

Ruth Ann Meyer - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Glad that I had the pleasure of working with him. He was truly a kind, gentle person that I highly respected. Lifting up the entire Dirnberger family in my prayers.

Kathy (Leimbach) Saupe - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Kathy (Leimbach) Saupe - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Mark, Chris, and all of your family, so sorry to hear of the loss of your father and grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Barb and family

Barb Hammers - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I am married to Sally Brock formerly of Benton. We send our condolences. Dick installed the lifeline for Jackie Brock, my mother-in-law in Benton. I always enjoyed a few words of German with Claude. Give our sympathies to Lois, if you will. I lost my good friend Leo Kohlfeld, last year and it is sad to hear of Dick's passing.

john hoffmeister - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My deepest condolences. May God be with you all in this trying time. I worked with Dick for over 25 years. I'll never forget what a great man he was and how kind he was to me. My heart goes out to you all. Sherri Collier

Sherri McMillan Collier - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Steve & Dirnberger family, So sorry to hear of Mr. Dirnberger's passing. know that he and your families are in my prayers.

Melody Loveless - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Eddie and Kim Langston - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Mark sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Andrea and I will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Todd & Andrea Hulse - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Paul, Steve, Mark, John and families: So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. There are no words to express my sadness. All of you will be held in my heart and in my prayers as you come to terms with this loss. He will truly be missed. May God Bless You All and hold you close to His heart. Love, Mary

Mary Vickery - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I had the priviledge to work under Dick for 10 years. He taught me much. A great person and friend. The entire Dirnberger family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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JS

“ John, so sorry to hear about your Dad today. You were very fortunate to have him as your father and he was so proud of you too. I am in Wyoming at present so sending my message to you, Cathy, and all of your family this way. Judy

Judy Schuch - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Mark & Andy, I was sorry to hear about your father. My prayers are with you and your families.

Diane Archambault - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I am sorry to hear of Dick's passing, and want to extend our best wishes to his family.

David Maxwell - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ This is a shock and a great loss for our extended family. He is with his beloved Mary Jo once again. My thoughts and prayers are with the boys and families.

Lynn Brumley Beckman - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He has always been one of my favorite people to be around. Have always had a tremendous amount of respect for him and was proud to have known him for many years. He will be missed. The Dirnberger family will be in our prayers.

Randy Hiatt - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM