



## Richard "Rick" Brickhaus

February 2, 1941 - April 26, 2025

Richard "Rick" Brickhaus, 84, passed away on April 26, 2025, at Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Born on February 2, 1941, in Perryville, Missouri, to Herman A. and Iona V. (Hoffman) Brickhaus, Rick lived a life marked by dedication to his craft, service to his country, and a deep appreciation for the simple joys of life.

Rick proudly served in the United States Army for over 10 years. His commitment to service extended beyond his military years through his involvement with Am Vets Post #94 and VFW Post #4282. These affiliations reflected his enduring camaraderie with fellow veterans and his continued support of those who served.

Professionally, Rick worked as an automotive and heavy equipment mechanic. His skill and work ethic earned him respect among colleagues and clients alike. Whether under the hood of a car, rebuilding a classic, or fine-tuning a piece of machinery, Rick brought precision and pride to every task.

From 1997 until 2022, Rick made his home in Kempner, Texas with wife of 47 years, Ellen. During these years and throughout his life, he found joy in watching NASCAR races and restoring antique tractors and cars-interests that combined his mechanical talents with a love for speed and craftsmanship. He also had a well-known fondness for Gary's BBQ ribs-a favorite treat that

brought him comfort and delight.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Iona; his beloved wife Ellen; two brothers, Merlin and Wayne; and one sister, Doris. He is lovingly remembered by his brother, Larry Brickhaus and sister, Sue (Dallas) Clifton and his children: sons Randy, Douglas (Lanna) , Markus, and daughter Christiane (Matthew), six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and multiple foster children.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Ford & Young Funeral Home, located at 110 S. West Street in Perryville, Missouri with the service beginning at 11:00 AM. Military honors will be provided by VFW Post #4282 and Rev. Christopher Seah officiating.

Later that day, a Celebration of Life will take place from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the VFW Post #4282 Hall at 610 Thomas Street in Perryville.

In-lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Missouri National Veterans Memorial (<https://mnvmfund.org/tribute-gift>) and online condolences may be made at [www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com). Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

May the memory of Richard "Rick" Brickhaus bring comfort to all who knew him and serve as a lasting tribute to a life well lived.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **31**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home  
110 S. West St.  
Perryville, MO 63775

## Memorial service

MAY **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *He was a great man. It was always so nice to see and catch up with Richard at the Seminary picnic. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. The Chalmer Brickhaus family*

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**Connie Heberlie** - May 28, 2025 at 12:41 PM