



Richard A. Courtois Sr.

August 21, 1928 - December 7, 2016

Richard A. Courtois, Sr., 88, of Perryville died December 7, 2016 at Independence Care Center of Perry County in Perryville, MO.

He was born August 21, 1928 in Perry County, MO, son of Albert and Mary Gertrude (Elder) Courtois. He and Theresa Kirn were married on October 28, 1950. She preceded him in death on May 14, 2013.

Richard played trumpet with the Harvey Mueller Band. He played saxophone with the Jack Trapp Orchestra, the Dick Courtois Orchestra, of which he was the band leader, as well as with the Jerry Ford Orchestra. A special highlight of his music career was when he played in the orchestra for Bob Hope. He has also played for the Governor Inaugural Balls for Missouri and South Carolina. He drove a cab for Bill Alkemeyer Cab Service. He had been an agent for the Railway Express Agency (REA). He was owner of radio and television sales and repair. He and his wife bought the Farm Fresh wholesale and home delivery milk route and opened the Courtois Farm Fresh Milk Store. He was a graduate of St. Vincent High School, a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, American Legion Post 133, V.F.W. Post 4282, and Army Security Agency U. S. Army Veteran of Korean War.

Survivors include two daughters and one son, Susan (Will) Fell of Darien, GA, Mary McIntyre of Melbourne, FL, Ronald (Connie) Courtois of Perryville; nine grandchildren, Andrea (Chad) Courtois, Alexis Courtois, Jason (Gwen) Jaycox, Amy Cornell, Sean (Maegen) McIntyre, Eric (Karly) McIntyre, Patrick (Stephanie) McIntyre, Amanda (Blake) Sauer, and Benjamin Courtois; eleven

great grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Kevin and Richard "Stone" Courtois Jr.; two sons-in-law, Thomas McIntyre and Jerry Jaycox; four brothers, Albert, Charles, Aloysius "Wishie", and Raymond Courtois; and one granddaughter, Sarah McIntyre.

Visitation will be on Sunday, December 11 at Young & Sons Funeral Home from 4:00 to 8:00 pm and on Monday, December 12 from 6:30 to 9:30am with Rosary at 8:30 am. He will then be taken to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church for Mass at 10:00 am with Rev. Milton Ryan CM officiating.

Entombment in Mary Queen of Heaven Mausoleum at Mt. Hope Cemetery with military honors provided by American Legion Post 133 and Delta Team.

Memorials are preferred to St. Vincent High School Band or Charity of your choice.

Young & Sons Funeral Home, Inc. in Perryville, MO provided the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard A. Courtois Sr.*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



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October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *Mary, Sue and Ron: I am sorry to hear about your dad's passing. He meant a lot to me in the short time I knew him. I hope you all are doing well.*

Jeff Baker - December 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will miss you greatly dad, your sense of humor, your fortitude, and very quick wit. Rest In Peace*

Mary McIntyre - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. God Bless.*

Lynn & Terri Murray - December 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about this. Mr. C and Farm Fresh will always hold a special place in my heart. He will be missed! My thoughts are with you all.*

Jill Frasher - December 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers! May the Lord bring you peace & comfort during this difficult time. Richard was a great person & had a great personality-he was fun to be around and could always brighten my day with his good cheer, I will always treasure the times we had together! "See ya later" his famous words and a toast with "farm fresh"-chocolate milk. You will be so missed!!

Nancy Schmidt - December 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ Mary, I am so sorry for your loss and wish I could have come to see you. Love o you and your family

Betty Voss - December 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Thanks Richard for breaking me in and allowing me to play with you in the jack trap orchestra and your orchestra! It was humbling, very impressionable, and once in a life time experiences. Each one better than before. You and Louis Armstrong will have the heavens swinging! Save me chair. Love yaTerry and Connie french

Terry & connie French - December 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ So sorry that your family has suffered another loss this year. My thoughts are with all of you.

Carol Boughton - December 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ With our deepest sympathy and be assured that the repose of Richard's soul and all his family are in our prayers. God only made one mold when he created Richard. He was a wonderful person. From all your friends at Klaus' in the Plaza.

Faye Amschler - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My condolences to all the lives he touched. Very fortunate to have known such a delightful person & gracious employer.

Sherry Schlichting Ballard - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IC

“ Prayers and fond memories are what we have to remember uncle Bud. Rest In Peace! My most heartfelt condolences to family.

Irina Fetisova - Courtois - December 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ My condolences to the family! He touched so many people's lives and will be greatly missed!

Victoria Van Doren Tretter - December 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM