



Richard A. Graff

July 8, 1943 - April 22, 2026

IN MEMORY OF:

Richard A. Graff

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Richard A. Graff, age 82, of Murphysboro, passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, Illinois.

He was born on July 8, 1943 to Hilbert and Theda (Gale) Graff in Bushnell, Illinois. He married Sharon Doody on July 14, 1962.

Richard worked as a printer at Southern Illinois University and had also worked for Bart Transportation. He had coached Little League for several years. Richard was a faithful member of the Murphysboro United Methodist Church. Richard was a lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the SIU Salukis.

Survivors include his wife Sharon K. Graff; three sons, Steven (Regina) Graff, Timothy Graff, and Jay Graff; grandchildren, Amanda Graff, Breanna Graff,

and Olivia (Jack) Wheatley; great-granddaughter, Hayden Wheatley; three sisters, Janice Fiorina, Kathy Leasor, and Christina Hunziker; and brother, Lawrence Graff.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his sisters, Theresa Mills, Ruby Heins, and Diana Graff; and brother, David Graff; along with Sharon's parents, Ashton and Vera Doody.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 1:00 PM with Michelle Parker-Clark officiating at Crain Funeral Home Downtown Murphysboro. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the funeral home.

Inurnment will be held at a later date at Murdale Gardens of Memory.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and/or the Murphysboro United Methodist Church.

The Cremation of Richard A. Graff will be personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Murdale Gardens of Memory

137 Murdale Gardens Rd
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Downtown Murphysboro
1421 Walnut St
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-2131

Memorial Service

APR 27. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ Jim and I were so sorry to hear of Richard's death. I've recently had surgery and can't get to the funeral home. We Will keep your family in our prayers.

Mary Roberts - April 26 at 01:37 PM

MF

“ Mary Kay Doody & family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard A. Graff.



Mary Kay Doody & family - April 24 at 08:45 PM

BF

“ Barbara Graff and family purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Richard A. Graff.



Barbara Graff and family - April 23 at 10:51 PM