



## Richard C. Powers

March 3, 2014

Richard C. Powers, 87, of Murphysboro, passed away at 2:48 am Monday, March 3, 2014, at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Richard was born on January 22, 1927, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Theo and Agnes Powers.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Powers worked for C.I.P.S. as District Superintendent in Murphysboro for 25 years. He worked for the Illinois Electric and Gas Company as office manager in Murphysboro for 13 years.

He was a member and past president for three terms of the Murphysboro Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber named him Man of the Year in 1969. He, along with others, had been very instrumental in the development of the Murphysboro Apple Festival. He had served as chairman of the United Way, chairman of the Murphysboro Planning and Zoning Commission, chairman of the Murphysboro Water and Sewer Commission, secretary of the Park Board, president of the Jackson Country Club, a member of the Board of Directors of the First Bank and Trust Company, member of the Unit District # 186 School Board, trustee of the Elk's Lodge # 572, member and past president of the Murphysboro Rotary Club, member of the Board of Directors

for St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, and a member of the American Legion Post # 127.

Mr. Powers was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro.

He married Betty Lou Blue on June 17, 1949, and she preceded him in death in February 8, 1992. He then married Carma (Adams) on May 27, 1998, and she survives.

Other survivors include one step daughter Tracy Bratton Webb and her husband Greg Webb of Cape Girardeau.

He was preceded in death by one brother, one sister, and his parents.

His body will be cremated. A memorial mass will be held at 10 am Friday, March 7, 2014, at St. Andrew Catholic Church with Father Gary Gummersheimer officiating. Immediately following the mass, his cremains will be buried at St. Andrew Cemetery with military services conducted by the American Legion Post # 127, V.F.W. Post # 7190 and 2605, and the Jackson County D.A.V. Chapter # 69. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Andrew Church or St. Andrew School. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard C. Powers*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Dear Carma,*

*Bassem and I send our condolences to you. No one had better care taken of them than that you gave to Richard. Now it is time to take care of yourself.*

*Love you,*

*Karen & Bassem*

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**Bassem & Karen** - March 07, 2014 at 07:43 AM