



Richard C. Law

September 5, 1930 - February 23, 2021

Richard Carlisle Law

On Tuesday, February 23, 2021, the City of Hamilton lost one of its proud sons, devoted public servants, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather in the passing of Richard Carlisle Law. Known by his friends as Dick and by his family as Poppy Dick, Mr. Law passed at 12:30 PM in the quiet comfort of his home in Hamilton. He leaves behind the love of his life and wife of 70 years, Mary Craft Law. Opinionated, self-effacing and armed with a fierce desire to serve the public good, Dick embodied the old school of local politics and loyalty. While a life-long proud Republican and former chair of the Butler County GOP, Dick never let party loyalty impede the opportunity to seek common ground with members of the opposing party. Dick Law had friends on both sides of the aisle he loved politics and the cause of serving one's community. In the early 1960s, Dick led a talented group of young professionals as chair of the Butler County Young Republicans; in 1967, he sought office for the first time to become a member of Hamilton City Council. Finishing fifth in his first elective office, Dick retained his campaign pledge to meet every month with different wards within Hamilton. Such commitment earned him the respect of the entire city so much so that in each of his three successive council campaigns Dick was elected as Hamilton's Vice Mayor. To this day, Richard Law retains the distinction of receiving the most votes in any Hamilton Council election to never be elected Mayor. Dick's four terms on Hamilton City Council were marked by an intense desire to serve all, to listen

well and provide the best-informed decision that would be fair to a majority of Hamiltonians. Above all else, Dick Law was a fierce protector of city's police and fire departments, knowing these men and women were the most valuable asset any municipality could provide its citizenry. After years of being the family's consummate political figure, Dick turned to his bride, Mary and helped guide her five highly successful elections as Butler County Treasurer. Often joking that now he was Mary Law's husband, Dick was immensely proud of his wife's exceptional success as one of the state's finest elected officials. A graduate of the Hamilton High Big Blue then briefly attending Bowling Green State University, Dick then embarked upon a 38-year career with General Motors serving as a shipping supervisor at the Fairfield Fisher Body Plant. Working from 1949 to 1988, his only interruption came in 1952-53 when called to serve his country as a member of the United States Army in the Korean War. Honorably discharged in late 1953, Dick Law was Corporal serving in the Mail Depot near the front lines. After retiring from GM, Dick went right back to work in establishing and developing Butler County's first central purchasing department. Serving with distinction for over a decade, Dick saved taxpayers thousands of dollars through his meticulous efforts in centralizing the county's purchases. In addition to his career and work in politics, Dick proudly coached for the West Side Little League for a number of years. Along with his wife of 70 years, Dick Law leaves behind two sons, Rick (Bev) Law of Hamilton, Ohio and Greg Law of Beavercreek, Ohio. Six grandchildren; Megan (Kris) Williamson of Dillsboro, Indiana, Ryan (Kim) Law of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, Madison (Cameron) Mackintosh of Denver, Colorado, Tyler Law of Austin, Texas, McKinley Law and Harrison Law both of Wilmington, Ohio and six great grandchildren, Jesse, Hollie, Alysia, Kendra, Alex and Cayden. Uncle Dick also leaves behind a niece, Marta Kay (Steve) Fitzpatrick and nephews Jeff (Jill) Phelps, Scott Adams and Sean Adams. Preceding Richard in death were his parents Carlisle Columbia Law and Dorothy Knose and a baby brother lost at birth. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 6 at 11:30 AM at the Weigel Funeral Home, 980 N.W. Washington Blvd. Hamilton

45013 with Pastor Dan Clemens officiating. Friends may call upon the family from 9:30 to 11:30 AM Saturday morning preceding the funeral. Interment will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery at 1:00 PM. Friends are encouraged to join the family at Mary's following the cemetery committal. Dick Law was proud of his service to his hometown and to his country. He was proud of his heritage, the son of two adoring parents, he was proud of his family, which brought him immeasurable joy through family vacations, and the lives they built for themselves. Yet nothing enriched Dick Law more than his beloved and devoted wife Mary. Through good times and in bad, they adored each other and lived their lives to help each other achieve their successes. In every true respect, the lasting legacy of Richard Carlisle Law is that through life's hardships, battles and celebrations, love of family was paramount. He truly loved his family and in this, we are forever blessed by the 90 years of his memorable life. Online condolences are available at www.weigelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Burial Park

2421 Princeton Road
Hamilton, OH 45011

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Weigel Funeral Home
980 N.W. Washington Blvd.
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I'll never forget our golf outings in Myrtle Beach, my condolences to his family. Hamilton has lost a great friend and patriot. May god bless. George Estes

George Estes - April 29, 2021 at 11:42 AM

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“ We were so fortunate, all of us kids in the "Y-Jane" neighborhood, to have grown up with the Law family as neighbors. I have only the fondest of memories of those times - your kindness and generosity was limitless. God bless you Mr Law, and my deepest condolences to Mrs Law, Greg and Rick.

Love,
Christine Di Staola

Christine A Di Staola - March 06, 2021 at 06:32 PM

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“ Rita and I extend our sympathies and condolences to Dick's family. I enjoyed my trips to Hamilton back in 1975 and staying at Dick and Mary's house. I particularly remember a 'thrilling' Cessna ride that Dick gave us one night!

Mary, Rick and Greg and families, may God bless you during this time.

Gary and Rita Salyer
Troup, Texas

Gary Salyer - March 05, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard C. Law.*



March 04, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *Mary, Greg and Rick,
My heartfelt condolences to you and the family over Dick's passing on to his Savior. Any who knew him, knew what a strong husband, father and public servant he was. He left a legacy of public service and dedication to the betterment of his community. And I would suggest that every man leaves a legacy to his family and all of us strive to model the values that we believe carry us through life and into eternity for the benefit of our kids and grandkids, and I'm certain that Dick sought to do that too. Embrace those good memories you have. His contributions to his family, community, and faith, seen and unseen, will carry on for many years to come. God Bless.*

Michael P Braun - March 03, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *Although I never met Richard, I did grow up in Hamilton. Therefore, I would like to recognize Richard for his history of public service in Hamilton, as well as his military service. By the way, years ago, I discovered that I am a descendant of Richard's great-great-grandparents Benjamin and Mary Law who settled in Colerain Township in the first half of the 19th century; therefore, I am Richard's 3rd cousin once removed. Finally, I wish to offer my sympathy to Richard's widow Mary and all the Law family. God bless.*

Ron Tutas - March 03, 2021 at 02:16 PM

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“ *Mary, my sincere condolences on your loss of Dick, may god bless..*
Roger Many

Roger Many - March 03, 2021 at 09:27 AM