



## Richard "Dick" James Griffiths

November 12, 1928 - May 5, 2021

Racine – Richard “Dick” James Griffiths, age 92, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ from Ascension All Saints Hospital on May 5, 2021.

Dick was born in Philadelphia, PA to Thomas and Edith (nee Young) Griffiths on November 12, 1928. He graduated from Columbia Bible College in 1952, and on January 23, 1954 was united in marriage to Charlotte Ann Hartt.

As a missionary with The Evangelical Alliance Mission, he was commissioned by Calvary Memorial Church in 1956 to be a linguist and church planter. Dick and his wife made a home in the jungle of Papua, Indonesia and worked there for 42 years translating the entire Bible into the previously unwritten Hatam language to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. He retired on December 22, 1999. Dick was gifted with a creative and naturally mechanical mind and was a quiet man with dry wit.

Dick will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Charlotte; children: Rebecca (Wesley) Gardner of Racine, Alan Griffiths of Racine, and Jenine (Stephen) Lilly of Katy, TX; son-in-law, Torrey Friberg of Pueblo, CO; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; brothers: Robert and John Griffiths; sister, Marilyn Griffiths; and nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. The entire Hatam people group of Papua, Indonesia will also remember and honor ‘Haren Nicig’ as the man who brought them the light of the Gospel of Jesus.

He was predeceased by his parents: Thomas and Edith Griffiths; daughter, Holly Friberg; grandson, Dustin Gardner; and sister, Virginia Luck.

A celebration of Dick’s life will be held at Calvary Memorial Church, 4001 Washington Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin, 53405 on Friday, May 14, 2021 beginning with a visitation at 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. The ceremony will start at 1:00 pm. Private interment will be at West Lawn Memorial Park. Memorials may be given to Calvary Memorial Church Missions. Online condolences may be shared at [www.wilsonfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhomeinc.com).

# Cemetery

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## West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Avenue

Mount Pleasant, WI, 53406

# Events

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**MAY** **Public Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Calvary Memorial Church

4001 Washington Avenue, Racine, WI, US

**MAY** **Celebration of Life** 01:00PM

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Calvary Memorial Church

4001 Washington Avenue, Racine, WI, US

# Comments

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“ What a privilege to serve for a brief time with Dick and Char Griffiths in Minyambou, Irian Jaya! It can be hard to remember when you ever laughed the hardest in your life, but I remember. We were playing "Fictionary". One of the MAF pilots overnighted and it was game night. We were in tears laughing at the plausible definitions Dick came up with for some very simple, as well as complex words. He had an amazingly dry wit, but such a heart for God.

And now what a privilege to share this God-honoring memorial service with our Hatam brothers and sisters who came out of darkness into light because of the impact of God's Word, as well as with Dick's family, church family and friends around the world!

My thoughts and prayers are with Char and all of the family members.

Ruth Dougherty

Ruth Dougherty - May 15, 2021 at 08:37 AM

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“ A long time ago in the cellar of 547 Carver St. Our favorite place to play haunted house but especially to build those WWII fighter planes. Big brother Rich building his P-38 Lightning and while doing so, teaching his little squirt brothers how to pin the balsa strips, glue with Testors glue and cover with tissue paper. He must have been very patient with us because we wanted to twist that rubber band motor and see them fly. A REALLY GOOD time and great memory of our big bro.

Bob Griffiths - May 13, 2021 at 07:24 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" James Griffiths.



May 13, 2021 at 11:36 AM

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“ Julie Miller, with Tim & Debi, Dan & Miriam purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard "Dick" James Griffiths.



Julie Miller, with Tim & Debi, Dan & Miriam - May 12, 2021 at 07:03 PM

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“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" James Griffiths.



May 12, 2021 at 09:39 AM

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“ My prayers are with your family during these times especially. I know the Lord has welcomed him home stating "well done, good and faithful servant". And he is now with loved ones gone on before.

Edi Halverson - May 11, 2021 at 07:10 PM

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“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" James Griffiths.



May 10, 2021 at 08:59 AM