



Howard "Sonny" Katzenberg

April 16, 1932 - December 15, 2019

Howard (Sonny) Katzenberg, 87, of Richmond IL, passed away at Northwestern McHenry Hospital on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019. He was born in Richmond, IL on April 16, 1932, the son of Douglas and Jenny (Christensen) Katzenberg.

He graduated from Richmond-Burton High School in 1950 and from Beloit College in 1956, after spending 1952 to 1954 serving in the US Army. He was a member of the Paul C Hoffman Legion Post #253 in Richmond, and was the guiding force behind the placing of the veteran's monuments in the Gazebo Park.

He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

After graduating from college, he taught, and coached basketball and baseball at Jefferson High School in Jefferson, WI for four years.

When returning to Richmond in 1960, he opened the H.F. Katzenberg Real Estate Agency which he ran for over 50 years.

His passion in life was sports. He was a big Cubs, Bears and Bulls fan. Over the years he held numerous coaching positions. He was very proud of his induction into the Richmond-Burton High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and his affiliation, as an assistant coach, with the 1992 Richmond-Burton High School State Championship Football Team. He was thrilled to be able to watch this year's football team win another state title.

The line-up, for Miller's Corner's Baseball Team in heaven, is now complete. The last surviving member has arrived.

Sonny was preceded in death by his parents and a sister-in-law, Dr. Susan Johonnott. He is survived by Ann Katzenberg of Richmond, his son Jeff Katzenberg of Genoa City, WI, his daughter Jane (Tim) Eaton of Wilmette, IL and grandchildren, Brian, Brent and Amanda.

Services will be held Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019 at Grace Lutheran Church in Richmond. The visitation will be from 9:00 AM until the service at 12:00 noon, Pastor Andy Tyrrell officiating. Inurnment will be in Richmond Cemetery. Lunch will follow in the church Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, Box 425, Richmond, IL 60071 ; The Richmond Fire and Rescue, 5601 Hunter Dr., Richmond, IL 60071; or Vet's Roll, 1777 Gardner St., South Beloit, IL 61080.

Cemetery Details

Richmond Cemetery

5800 Broadway Rd.
Richmond, IL 60071

Previous Events

Memorial visitation

DEC 19. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
6000 Broadway
Richmond, IL 60071
(815) 678-3082

Memorial Service

DEC 19. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Howard "Sonny" Katzenberg

January 29, 2023 at 06:51 AM

MM

“ Our deepest sympathies extended to the Katzenberg families in Sonny's passing. We were sorry to hear of your loss.

Matt & Debbie Miller
Johnsburg, IL

Matt & Debbie Miller - January 04, 2020 at 03:28 PM

GP

“ Greg Pryor lit a candle in memory of Howard "Sonny" Katzenberg



Greg Pryor - December 19, 2019 at 03:56 PM

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My sincere condolences to the Katzenberg Family.

Greg Pryor - December 19, 2019 at 03:54 PM

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“ Sonny used to come watch me play ball with his great friend Vince when I was in High School in beloit. I played ball for him and Vince for years after high school and we became great friends. He introduced me to a friend which was a Police Chief to get me back into the career. I will miss our conversations, friendship and support. Rest in Peace my friend. I will truly miss you.

Sheila Schindler - December 18, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Howard "Sonny" Katzenberg.



December 17, 2019 at 11:08 AM

RG

“ Ric & Elaine Graf lit a candle in memory of Howard "Sonny" Katzenberg



Ric & Elaine Graf - December 16, 2019 at 08:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Howard "Sonny" Katzenberg.



December 16, 2019 at 06:03 PM