



Richard Howard "Dick" Sailors

October 2, 1939 - February 4, 2026

Richard Howard Sailors ("Dick Sailors") of Pulaski, TN passed away at home on February 4, 2026 at age 86. He was born in La Fontaine, Indiana in 1939.

Richard was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He attended Purdue University where he earned his bachelors and masters degrees. He later earned his PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He worked as a metallurgical engineer in heavy manufacturing / mining industries for over 50 years and held a professional engineers license for several decades. He had multiple failed attempts at retiring but finally succeeded in 2024. He was active in the First United Methodist Church in Pulaski, the legacy Pulaski District of United Methodist Church, and the legacy Tennessee Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He served as a laity leader at the local and district levels.

He met his wife Patricia while both worked for Caterpillar, Inc. They were married for 58 years at the time of his death.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Pulaski, TN. A memorial service will follow at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial donations be made to the Pulaski First United Methodist Church.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Howard R and Marie Sailors (Faust), his sisters Jean Wylie and Jackie Sullivan, and his in-laws James and Maye Biggs.

He is survived by

- His wife, Patricia Sailors of Pulaski, TN
- Son, R. Matthew Sailors (Rhonda) of Gainesville, FL
- Daughter, Megan (Andy) Lewter of Martin, TN
- Grandsons, Andrew and Mitchell Lewter of Martin, TN and Ian and Sean Sailors of Gainesville, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
200 West Jefferson Street
Pulaski, TN

Memorial Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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200 West Jefferson Street
Pulaski, TN

Tribute Wall

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“ I enjoyed Dick and Pat as I groomed their Henry 🐾 years ago. My sympathy



Caroline Scoggin - February 07 at 07:09 PM

LZ

“ To know Dick was to love him. He was always willing to share his time, talents, and suggestions for any project he faced. He served his neighbors, friends, church, and community with a giving loving heart. He was good at shopping for Pat when the need arose!! He was with her in all she did, supporting, giving, and probably getting in the way, but by her side! He will be missed, but leaving behind great memories from his life, love, and gifts. Love you Pat and family. May you find comfort in those memories of a loving giving man.

Lillie Zimmerman - February 07 at 09:44 AM

SW

“ The Sailors were neighbors of ours when I was growing up as a teenager. Their are only two words that I can use to describe him great man. Prayers of comfort for his family.

Steve White - February 06 at 12:48 PM

EW

“ *Dick certainly had a servants heart. I am blessed to have known him and worked with him. May God's peace and comfort be with you Pat in this time. Let us all rejoice in Dick's life and resurrection.*

Eddie Watson

Eddie Watson - February 06 at 11:11 AM