



## William H. Richter

December 30, 1933 - October 25, 2020

William H. Richter, age 86 of Lerna, IL passed away at 10:44 AM, Sunday, October 25, 2020 at Heartland Senior Living in Neoga, IL.

A funeral service in his honor will take place at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at Janesville Cemetery; Richard Richter will officiate. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL is in charge of services.

Bill was born on December 30, 1933 in Pleasant Grove Township, Coles County, IL, to the late Irvin A. and Mildred E. (Baker) Richter. He married his wife, Barbara A. Tipton on October 22, 1954 in Lerna, IL; she preceded him in death on March 11, 2000. He is survived by his daughter, Jean Ann Strong and husband Richard J. of Lerna, IL; four grandchildren: Ryan Strong and wife Kali of Flora, IL, Rachel Burcham and husband Brad of St. Jacob, IL, Ramey Gajewski and husband Michael of Broomfield, CO, Robyn Edwards and husband Doug of Greenup, IL; four great grandchildren: Lila and John Strong of Flora, IL, Brooklyn and Raelyn Burcham of St. Jacob, IL; and two brothers, James Richter and wife Linda, Fred Richter and wife Jane, all of Lerna, IL.

Bill honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1956-1958 as a Military Policeman. He was a co-owner and co-operator of Richter Farms until his retirement. When Bill was not working at the family farm, he drove for

A&B Trucking, and Lovelace Trucking of Mattoon, IL. He was an active member of the community, holding memberships in the Lions Club of Lerna, IL, Coles County Farm Bureau, Masonic Wabash Lodge #179, and Lincoln Fire Protection District, volunteer for station two.

A true farmer at heart, Bill's devotion to the land and livestock was unmeasurable; however, his love for family surpassed all else. A good and simple life is what he led. His legacy will live on through the hearts of his loved ones.

Memorials in his honor may be made to Janesville Cemetery, 142 North County Road 1100 East, Lerna, IL 62440 or Lincolnland Hospice of Sarah Bush Lincoln, 1004 Health Center Drive, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Janesville Cemetery

Janesville, IL 62435

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Janesville Cemetery  
Janesville, IL 62435

# Tribute Wall



“ *William H. Richter*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Our family is very saddened to hear of Bill's passing. Bill was one of a kind. I have known him since I was a little kid, when Bill and his brothers would come over and cut our hay. Bill was a hard worker, —I always looked up to him. And when I learned he had been an MP, I had to laugh because you 'Don't mess with Bill'! . . . But he had a soft spot for his cows!*

*One day at the Lerna restaurant, Bill learned that my family (who are also animal lovers) had been leaving bowls of puppy chow out around the farm for a family of wild coyote pups. At first he was furious, and he jumped my case. But then he burst out laughing. He was that kind of guy.*

*May you rest in peace, Bill.*

*The Hampton family*

Kent Hampton - November 07, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *Jean Ann I'm so sorry for your loss of your dad. He was a super guy and easy to talk to. He would do anything for anyone . Sorry I couldn't make it to the funeral . My thoughts and prayers are with you. Darletta young drury*

darletta drury - October 29, 2020 at 02:49 AM

BD

“ So sorry for your loss. I dealt with Bill through management of one of the farms he farmed years ago! He was always a real gentleman.

**Brenda Diepholz** - October 28, 2020 at 10:17 AM

JB

“ Jean Ann-thinking of you and your family at this time of the passing of your dad.

*Janice Randolph Beals*

**Janice Beals** - October 28, 2020 at 06:12 AM

TS

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

**Theresa Nelsin Swango** - October 27, 2020 at 01:46 PM

EB

“ My name is Eileen Brown. When I volunteered at Heartland I often helped at Bill's table. Being a "farm girl", we often talked about our love of farming and the good ole days.

*As I read the obituaries this morning, I saw his picture first before reading his name and thought, I knew this man from somewhere. After reading his name it came to me.*

*Just wanted you, his family, to know how much I enjoyed our conversations.*

*You have my sincere condolences.*

**Eileen Brown** - October 27, 2020 at 10:38 AM

WB

*My thoughts are with you at this sad time. Take care. Wanda Strong Baker.*

**Wanda baker** - October 27, 2020 at 03:26 PM

ES

“ Jean Ann, I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad will live in your heart forever! How wonderful that you lived near and could be a big part of his life.

Elizabeth Slifer - October 27, 2020 at 10:09 AM

LT

“ Linda Tucker lit a candle in memory of William H. Richter



Linda Tucker - October 27, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William H. Richter.



October 26, 2020 at 11:04 PM

LC

“ So sorry Jean Ann and family will pray for Gods comfort and peace to all of you! Lori Counts

Lori Counts - October 26, 2020 at 04:49 PM