



## Richard H. Stroebel

July 28, 1929 - June 4, 2021

Richard H. Stroebel  
Saginaw Twp., Michigan

This is my last chance to say “Good Bye” to all my friends here on Earth. I have moved to Heaven, effective June 4, 2021. My journey in life started July 28, 1929, thanks to Ralph and Clara (Bernthal) Stroebel, number four of six children. I was predeceased by brothers, Ralph, Clint and Robert; and sisters, Dorothy, and Kate. We all attended Holy Cross Lutheran School and Arthur Hill High School. After working briefly at Jackson Church Foundry, I was convinced that I should get more education. I graduated from the University of Michigan as an Industrial Engineer and returned to Saginaw to work for U. S. Graphite (Wickes Corp.), where I was employed for 36 years and retired when it was no longer fun. While in Ann Arbor, the Lord blessed me by answering my prayer for a good wife by bringing Laura Trower into my life. After two years and eight months of courting, she became Laura Stroebel on June 30, 1956, and she passed away after 43 years of marriage in 1999. We were blessed with four daughters, Joanna, Kate, Amy and Nancy; four granddaughters, Rebekah and Jessica DeGrazia, Angela and Crystal Steiner; five great-granddaughters and three great-grandsons. I had the privilege of serving on the Saginaw Township Board as Clerk and Trustee. My wife Laura started the business of Stroebel's Gifts and China in 1978, and I helped her at times. I rounded out my time by holding some offices at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. All in all life has been good, very good. So now I say good bye, have fun, trust the Lord, and I'll see you in Heaven. God Bless, Dick.

Dick's funeral and committal will be held at 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 Court St., Saginaw, Michigan. The Rev. James F. Krueger will officiate. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the Church on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services. Dick will be laid to rest next to his wife Laura in Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to Holy Cross Lutheran Church or Brian's House (Hospice), 664 W. Nebobish Road, Essexville, Michigan 48732, who dealt with the final days of our father's life in a superior way. Memories and sympathies of Dick may be shared with the family on

his memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery

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## **Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery**

4700 Brockway Rd.

Saginaw, MI, 48638

# Events

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**JUN** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church

600 Court St., Saginaw, MI, US, 48602

**JUN** **Funeral and Committal Services** 12:00PM

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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# Comments

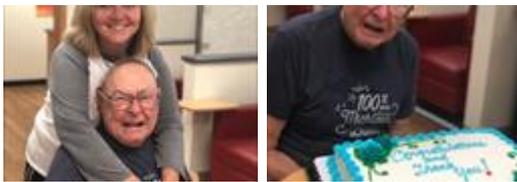
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“ We are so saddened to hear of our sweet friend's passing. All the staff at the MI Blood center loved Dick dearly. His generosity was only surpassed by his love of the Lord. What a giving soul....wanting to donate his blood on a regular basis for years and years. I personally have known this wonderful man, a blood donor, a friend, for over 30 years. We will most certainly miss his hugs, his smile, and his positive attitude. God bless your family.

Our deepest condolences,

Theresa Belill, and the entire Blood Center staff.



**Theresa Belill** - June 22, 2021 at 04:54 PM

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“ Dick Stroebel had a huge impact on many. I wish I could have worked for him as I know he was a great leader and mentor. He was a great source of support as an ex-congregational chair of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. During meetings, planning and more he knew what to say with perfect timing. Privately, he was encouraging, motivating and more. He listened and with concise wisdom provided advice and encouragement.

He knew that church leadership and administration involved humans striving to do what was best. When meetings were over he was a rock of Christianity. He was a staunch Michigan supporter, a great engineer and maker of great sauerkraut. He was a good friend with an age gap...and a very good friend to my father-in-law, Ed Kluck.

God blessed Dick and he is at peace. Thanks God for letting him influence my life!

**Paul Jones** - June 14, 2021 at 09:48 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss...I know mom will miss him greatly too.

Patricia Cox

**Patricia Cox** - June 10, 2021 at 12:07 AM



“ To the family of Dick Strobel; My sincere thoughts and prayers to you as you adjust to the absence of your father. My mother, Marie, was a lifelong member of Holy Cross and friends with your parents throughout the years through the school and church. My sister, two brothers and myself all attended Holy Cross. Your mother was my second grade teacher. Her gift store was a few doors down from the drugstore where Mom worked for two decades. Your father and Clara came to visit our Mother when she had to live at Hoyt Nursing Home. And they came to help celebrate Mom's 100th birthday despite bad weather of ice, rain, and snow on an April day. Mom went to heaven last June. As your father, another faithful servant of our Lord, joins those who went before him, hold on to and cherish the memories of your life with him and your mother. Barb Weishuhn

**Barbara Weishuhn** - June 08, 2021 at 06:17 PM

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**Robert Atkinson** - June 08, 2021 at 04:19 PM

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“ Paul, Daniel, Faith, TJ, Ethan, and Jonathon purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard H. Stroebel.



**Paul, Daniel, Faith, TJ, Ethan, and Jonathon** - June 08, 2021 at 02:13 PM

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“ So now we say goodbye to the last of the Stroebel Boys. I knew them all -- as well as their wonderful parents. Dick was a year older than me Bob and I were the same age and went to high school (at AHHS) and law school -- he at Valparaiso. I at Wayne State University in Detroit. But we graduated the same year -- 1955 -- and studied for the bar exam together. Some days at the Mossner home; some days at the Stroebel home. We both passed with flying colors, , and practiced law here in Saginaw for many years. We both lived in Saginaw Township -- a couple blocks from each other. Dick became the Saginaw Township Clerk. And he was a good one. In later years, we used to see Dick at various civic functions, including Symphony and Pit and Balcony. Let's just say, he was one of those really "good guys" you have the privilege of meeting in this life here on earth. Rest in Peace, Dick. It won't be very long before I'll see you again!

Eugene Mossner - June 07, 2021 at 08:29 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard H. Stroebel.



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“ Dick and Laura Stroebel were faithful members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Saginaw, and I was their Pastor. Likewise, as a couple they were friends of the Estes Family and shared their love and faith with us for many years. I was deeply touched by the “Good-bye” letter written by Dick to those of all of us who knew and were loved by he and Laura. I look forward to the Heavenly Reunion made possible by the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. David R Estes.

David R Estes - June 07, 2021 at 05:21 PM

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“ Knew Dick and his lovely wife thru Holy Cross and my husband Dick Griffus was also employed at USGraphite. Your Dad was always gracious and kind. The two men shared a lot of conversation about their work place and my Dick retired when it wasn't fun anymore also. I am sure they are in heaven high fiveing each other. My sympathy to you and yours. Marcia Griffus

Marcia Griffus - June 07, 2021 at 12:38 PM

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“ Dick Stroebel was a man that was respected and admired by his peers. His deep love of his Savior, Jesus Christ, showed in every aspect of his life. If you knew Dick, you knew he was a devoted Christian. He loved life and everybody he met as well. I knew Dick for over eighty years and have never heard him say a bad word about anybody. He will truly be missed by many people..My prayers are with his family.

Roger Winterstein

cpape1966 - June 07, 2021 at 12:36 PM

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“ What a beautiful obituary! Dick was always so friendly when we visited Holy Cross. He was a great Christian example for everyone. Our sympathy to the family.

Kathleen Laundra - June 07, 2021 at 08:23 AM

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“ Rest In Peace dick I sure will miss u



**Scott Sayers** - June 07, 2021 at 08:07 AM

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“ Your mom and dad, my Aunt Laura and Uncle Dick, were just great people -- Dad loved his little sister and liked spending time with Dick. I so wish I'd had time with them as an adult . . . but have fond memories as a child. I'm so sorry for your loss, but know that you will see him again with a perfect body, never to be ill again.

**Teresa Trower** - June 06, 2021 at 09:48 PM

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“ I'm sorry for your loss of your Father. You and You're Family will be in my prayers.



**Christine and Durwin Williams** - June 06, 2021 at 08:58 PM

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“ Wonderful memories of Dick! Always had a smile on his face to greet us at Holy Cross or Stroebels! We spent many Labor Day Monday’s preparing sauerkraut for Ocktoberfest! Our deepest sympathies to his family and dear friend, Clara Fehrman! May God grant you His peace!

In Christ,  
Norma Halfmann and Meredith Ackerman  
Former Holy Cross Members

**Norma Halfmann** - June 06, 2021 at 07:56 PM

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“ May 1, 2011, was the day I met Dick, when I started a lovely, 25 month period as Interim Organist & Cantor at Holy Cross. Dick & Clara were first in line to welcome me, & everyone else, for countless gatherings of worship & fellowship. Faithfully, they came to many of my organ recitals & choir concerts all over the county. The joy in his countenance, the twinkling of his eyes, & those hugs freely given will be treasured all my days. Rest in God’s Eternal Peace & Light, dear friend, & Rise in Glory

**James Hoyt Gladstone** - June 08, 2021 at 03:21 PM

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“ I remember when Dick & Laura were a young couple with no kids, they led our youth group for a while. He was such a wonderful person, welcoming everyone with a hug or a handshake. He and Laura were a blessing . My sympathy to their daughters and families.

**Sally Groening Hovis** - June 06, 2021 at 11:07 AM

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“ Sara Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard H. Stroebel



**Sara Thomas** - June 06, 2021 at 09:45 AM

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“ I loved being greeted by Mr Stroebel with a nice hug at church every time I saw him. He will be missed by many. Prayers for his family.

**Sara Thomas** - June 06, 2021 at 09:44 AM

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“ My sympathy to his family  
He welcomed me when a new member and was a friend ever since  
Phyllis Rush

**Phyllis Rush** - June 06, 2021 at 09:36 AM

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“ I'm really going to miss him and his amazing hugs! He was truly a dedicated member of Holy Cross. It won't be the same without him.



**Jennifer Frasle** - June 06, 2021 at 09:13 AM

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“ Very sad to hear of Dick's passing. I feel blessed to have known him and will miss visiting with him greatly.

**Steve Neumann** - June 06, 2021 at 07:30 AM