

**Chief Warrant Officer 4 (Ret.)**

**Richard Connell, 89**

**Feb. 7, 1925 - July 14, 2014**

**OMAHA, NE** — Chief Warrant Officer 4 (retired) Richard P. (Dick) Connell passed away on Monday, July 14, 2014 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha. Dick was born on February 7, 1925 to Patrick H. Connell and Ellen Helene Brown Connell and attended Saint Patrick's Elementary School and South High School, both in Omaha.



Drafted into the Army in 1943 for World War II, Dick was a D-Day veteran who landed on Omaha Beach and saw action across France to include the Battle of the Bulge. He transitioned into the reserves at the end of the war, completing almost 44 years of distinguished military service. Dick worked at the Union Pacific Railroad his entire adult life until his retirement, and was a life-long member of St. Patrick's Church in Omaha until its closure last month.



Dick was united in marriage to Margaret Goeser on May 2, 1953. Together they had six children, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and one of his sons, Robert, who passed away in 1968. Survivors include his wife, Marge; brother, Joseph; children and their spouses: Patrick and Mary (Kunes) Connell, Charles and Pamela Connell Hunt, John and Terri (Perrone) Connell, Glen and Mary Connell Langenfeld, and Richard and Tiz (Roth) Connell; all of his grandchildren and great-grandchild.

The family received friends Thursday, July 17, 2014 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with Vigil Service at 7 p.m., all at the West Center Chapel of Heafey Hoffmann Dworak Cutler Mortuary in Omaha. Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, July 18, 2014 at 10 a.m. at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Omaha. Private Interment was held at Calvary Cemetery with full military honors. Memorials may be sent to St. Bridget Catholic Church.



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