

Richard (Dick) Frances Bass, 82 of Brashear, MO passed away on Tuesday December 31, 2019 at Twin Pines Adult Care Center in Kirksville, MO.

Dick was born March 26, 1937 the son of George and Blanch (Williams) Bass in Kirksville, MO. and on September 14, 1963 he married Vollie Ann Bunch. He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Gene Bass and good friend, Charles "Mike" Coy.

Dick is survived by his wife, Ann of Brashear, MO; two daughters, Alicia Bass of Brashear, MO and Lori Bass of Columbia, one granddaughter, Mary Coy of Brashear, MO.; two grandsons, William Coy and Richard Coy of Brashear MO; two great grandchildren, Anna Coy and Evie Brown.

Dick grew up and graduated high school in Kirksville, Mo. During his high school years, he proved his work ethic and abilities while working at Montgomery Ward's. After graduation, he followed his dream to fly and joined the US Navy in July of 1957. He gave four years to active duty and served as a bombardier navigator on the US Forrestal CVA-59, the US first super carrier. He also spent a tour in the Mediterranean. He was proud of his service and the opportunity's that it provided him.

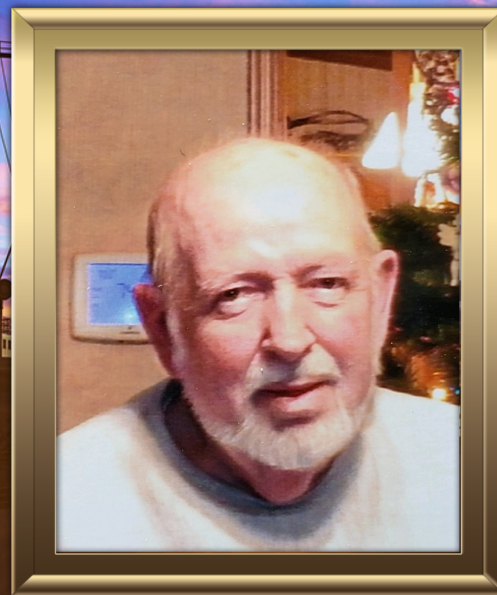
After serving his time in the Navy, he returned to Kirksville and because of the impression he left and his work ethic he was asked to become a part of the Montgomery Ward team and travel helping troubled stores. He took the opportunity and he moved his family around to Iowa for 4 years, Santé Fe, NM for a year and Colorado Springs for 15 years until Montgomery Ward sold out. By this time in his life his daughters had graduated high school. So, they left Colorado moved to Tennessee for a short time before deciding it was time to once again return home to Kirksville. Dick finished his working career with Peters Heating and Cooling in Kirksville, MO.

Dick was not an all work no play kind of guy, he knew the value of life and enjoyed it to the fullest. He loved his family and was a devoted father who enjoyed taking his family on vacations and being adventurous. He loved having fun and taking them to theme parks, riding roller coasters, camping and drink wine in Spain with his wife. Dick also enjoyed the West for its mountains and Indian art and Coors Light.

Dick was a giver and believed that you teach by example. He spent several years volunteering for the Community Action Partnership of Northeast Missouri (CAPNEMO) refurbishing air-conditioners for those in need and driving the Oats Bus. He had a love for Great Dane's and even raised and showed them for a short time.

Dick's wishes were for cremation and no service. He requested that his family scatter his cremains at sea.

Memorials are suggested to the Adair County Humane Society and can be mailed to 22376 State Highway 6 Kirksville, MO 63501.



"Dick"
Richard Frances Bass

03/26/1937 - 12/31/2019



Sailor's Rest

*When my sailing days are over,
And I sail the seas no more,
I shall build myself a refuge
By the ocean's murmuring shore.
As I watch the foaming breakers
When the tide comes rushing in,
I will contemplate my lifetime
With its virtues and its sins.*

*Where the azure of the heavens
Meets the undulating blue,
Where the sweeping, soaring seagull
Flies its endless quest for food.
It is there that I would rest,
When my work on earth is done,
At the endless blue horizon
'Neath the crimson, setting sun.*