



RICHARD 'DICK' JOSEPH BESSETTE, SR.

Richard "Dick" Joseph Bessette, Sr., 69, of Smiths Grove died at 3:00 p.m. Monday, December 7, 2009, at this residence.

The North Providence, Rhode Island native was a fencing contractor, an Air Force veteran and a member of Smiths Grove Church of Christ and a member of the Lion's Club. He was the son of the late Ovila Bessette and Irene (Barrette) Bessette. He was also preceded in death by a son, Darrell Richard Bessette.

Funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m., Friday, at Hardy & Son Funeral Home, Bowling Green Chapel with burial in Smiths Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2:00-8:00 p.m., Thursday, and from 9:00-2:00 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the Adoption and Foster Care, Family Enrichment Center, 441 Church Avenue, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis (Moss) Bessette of Smiths Grove; two daughters, Kerry Sams and her husband, Steven of Smiths Grove and Geneva Windham and her husband, Daniel of Gulfport, MS; five sons, Michael Richard Bessette and his wife, Terri of Bowling Green, Dale Richard Bessette and his wife, Sharon and Richard Joseph Bessette, Jr. and his wife, Janie, all of Smiths Grove, David Gregory Ward and his wife, Christina of Bowling Green and Ronald Franklin Ward and his wife, Debbie of Smith Grove; seventeen grandchildren, Timmy Bessette and his wife, Jessica of Ramsey, MN; Ryan Bessette, Brittany Bessette, Michael Bessette, and Anna Ward, all of Bowling Green; Kyle Bessette of Wakefield, RI; Devin McGovern of Providence, RI; Teejay and Tanner Reinke, both of Elk River, MN; Andrew Ward, Hannah Ward, Cole Bessette, Caden Bessette, Carter Bessette, Madison Sams, and Meredith Bessette, all of Smiths Grove; and Rayleigh Windham of Gulfport, MS; one great grandchild, Sophea Bessette of Ramsey, MN; three brothers, Robert Bessette of Lowell MA, Joseph Bessette and his wife, Darlene of North Glen, CO, and Roger Bessette and his wife Cathy of Richmond, VA; several foster children including: Billy Hafley, Jackie Cline, Amy Carter, Samantha Bunch, Angelia Rose, & Hayley Worman; and several nieces & nephews.

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