



Dr. Richard Kjeldsen

August 6, 1937 - August 14, 2025

Richard Kjeldsen, affectionately known as Dick, Uncle Dick, Dr. Kjeldsen, or Professor, passed away on August 14, 2025, at the age of 88.

He was a beloved figure to many, leaving behind a legacy of knowledge, humor, and fun.

Known for his sharp wit and keen sense of humor, he touched many lives along his journey.

He had a deep love for all things American - including baseball, beer, hamburgers, automobiles, and sharing great meals with loved ones. A native of Chicago's South Side, he had a life-long passion for baseball, particularly the White Sox. He found strength and solace in his faith.

His academic journey led him to earn a BS, MBA, and PhD from the University of Arkansas, where he majored in finance and economics.

Dr. Kjeldsen dedicated his education and experience to enlightening and educating students, serving as professor and lecturer of economics and finance at several esteemed institutions. His extensive experience in international banking, spanning over twenty years, enriched his lecturing and teaching with invaluable insights for his students.

Richard Kjeldsen is preceded in death by his parents, Juel and Julia, and his brother, Juel. He is survived by his sister-in-law, two nephews and one niece, and their families (making him Great-Great Uncle Dick). He is also survived by several cousins and their families.

His funeral service will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas, at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2025. A luncheon will follow to celebrate his life and legacy.

Richard Kjeldsen will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his spirit will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, colleagues and students. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a charitable donation in his memory.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
1722 N Starr Dr
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Tribute Wall

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“ Rest in peace Dr. Kjeldsen. You were always one of my favorite people, and I think of you often. With love, Christina



Christina Steinorth-Powell - December 17, 2025 at 01:54 AM

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“ Dick was our neighbor, we would take him a plate of food on holidays and I would see him a couple times a week in the mornings on his way to breakfast. He will be missed ~Holly & Joy

Holly Preston - October 05, 2025 at 05:15 AM



“ Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard Kjeldsen.



September 27, 2025 at 05:52 PM

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“ the early pre-teen years playing ball with dick and juel on the empty lot next to the kjeldsen home in evergreen park, illinois. the closest thing I ever had to having brothers. Marty Lukso, cousin

martin lukso - August 31, 2025 at 02:35 PM