

Richard 'Dick' Luth

Richard Henry Luth, 76, of Austin, Minn., and formerly of Grinnell, died Monday, Dec. 5, 2011, at home.

Funeral services were held Dec. 10 at the Mayer Funeral Home in Austin.

He was born March 5, 1935, in Chicago to Walter and Della Blaford Luth. Dick grew up in South Chicago, where he graduated from Blue Island High School.

On June 25, 1955, he married Doris Shockley — whom he met while they both attended the University of Illinois — in Oak Park, Ill.

Upon graduation with a BS in animal science, Dick began a 41-year career at Hormel as a livestock buyer with farmers in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. In 1968, he moved with his family to Grinnell, where he managed the Hormel buying station for 18 years before moving back to Minnesota. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, traveling and spending summers at the family lake home in Alexandria, Minn., and winters on Sanibel Island in Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Luth, of Austin, Minn.; sons Dan Luth and Jim Luth, Savage, Minn.; daughter Kathy Anderson, Prior Lake, Minn.; six grandchildren; one brother, Ron Luth of Mukwonago, Wisc.; and one sister, Janice Rafferty of Montgomery, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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