

Carlos Dieckmann was born October 19th, 1937 to Edwin & Florena Dieckmann at Batesville, Indiana. I was raised on a small farm 6 miles south of Batesville. I started school in a one room township school, Lipp School, which housed 8 grades with a total enrollment of 23 students. There was no electricity, running water, or indoor plumbing. The only light we had was natural or from kerosene lamps. Heat was provided by a pot bellied stove that sat in the center of the room. There was a water bucket on the table, a well outside, and two outdoor toilets. In January of 1944, the school was closed and we were transferred to Batesville Public Schools. During my high school years, I was a member of the band and FFA, and graduated 1955.

After graduation, I went to work at Romweber Furniture Company in Batesville, as a cabinet maker. Later I moved to the Carving department, and in 1960, was promoted to Shipping Clerk Foreman.

On April 23rd, 1960, I married my sweetheart of 3 ½ years, Norma Brandt. Our marriage was blessed with 3 wonderful children. Kathy, who is married to Tim Sperling, lives in Columbus, Ohio with their two sons, Corey and Zach. Karen, who is married to Steve Seymour, Jr., lives in Shelbyville, Indiana. Mark, who is married to Dawn Iles, lives just 7 miles away, near Napoleon, Indiana.

In 1964, I took a job as manager of the Insurance Department of the Batesville State Bank. I remained there until 1978, when I left to take over the family farm.

On March 1st, 1999, I went to work for Avis Rent a Car at the Cincinnati – Northern Kentucky International Airport as a Courtesy Bus Driver / Customer Service Rep. On November 10th, 2002, macular degeneration took my eye sight and forced retirement earlier than I had planned. However, it is a life changing event, not a life ending event. I still live on the farm with Norma, my wife of 45 years.

While working at the bank in Batesville, I joined the Batesville Lions Club, and served as a Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, 3rd VP, and as the membership committee chairman. I could not seem to make 6:30 meetings at the Country Club, and keep up with farm work, so I dropped out of the club in 1980.

I joined the Milan Lions Club in March of 1999. The following are offices held since joining the Milan Lions Club:

2000 - 2001 Vice President
2001 - 2002 President and the Zone Chairman.
2002 - 2005 Region Chairman.
2002 Received the Lion of the Year Award

I am proud to say that I am a Charter Member of the Vision Van Board of Directors.

Other community service activities include:

Active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Milan, Indiana

- Served on church council and various committees
- Delegate to the Indiana / Kentucky Synod Assembly for 25 years
- President of the Cemetery Association since 1986

1969 – 1972 Batesville Girl Scouts Advisory Board

1972 – 1976 Ripley County 4-H Corp

1975 – 1991 4-H Club Leader

1985 – 1989 Milan High School FFA Chapter Advisor

1984 – 1999 Ripley County Farm Bureau Inc Board of Directors

1990 – 1996 Ripley County Farm Bureau Inc Membership Chairman