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**A PLAQUE DEDICATION FOR THE LATE RICHARD HENEFER IS SET FOR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH IN THE 1000 BLOCK OF RUE ST. FRANCOIS**

Mayor Lowery is pleased to announce that the City along with Old Town Partners will host a plaque dedication in honor of the late Richard Henefer. This will be the 48th Walk through History plaque in honor of someone who has made valuable contributions and or an impact to the City of Florissant. The plaque dedication will be held on Saturday, November 27th at 5:00 p.m. in the 1000 block of rue St. Francois. The ceremony will take place before the traditional tree lighting event that is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. that is held in front of City Hall.

Don Henefer Jewelers was founded in 1946. Richard attended Paris Junior College in Paris, TX where he learned the art of gemology. Richard joined the family business of Don Henefer Jewelers in 1963. In 1970, after the passing of his father George, in 1971 Richard took over the ownership & operations of Don Henefer Jewelers & moved the business to its current location in Florissant, MO.

Richard was certified as an Appraiser & Master Craftsmen. He served as President/ Past President for local chapters of Rotary International. He also served on other community boards and commissions. Richard was named Business Person of the Year by the North County Chamber of Commerce in 2009 and have been members of the Chamber for 45 years. Don Henefer Jewelers was voted Best Jewelry Store in North County for many years.

Richard believed a man was only as good as his word and his word was everything to him. He set the bar high. Pride, workmanship and honestly were Richard's watchwords which still holds true today by his family.

He always believed in providing quality products and service, be fair with employees and care about the people. Richard loved his family and the community he served.