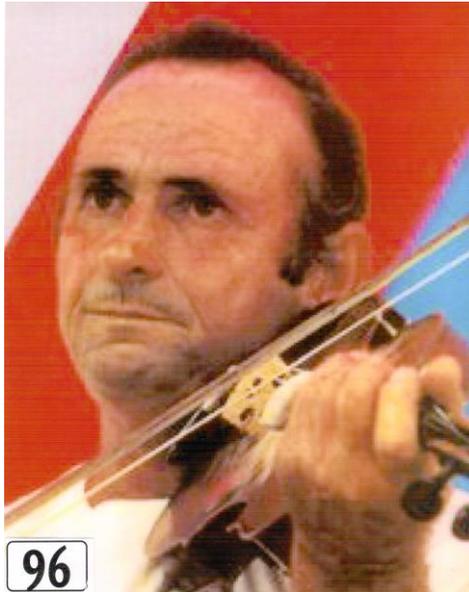


## Ervin "Dick" Richard



Ervin "Dick" Richard was born on June 4, 1932 to Angelas and Lucille Richard in small farming community of Richard, LA.

On October 4, 1952 Dick married Jermaine Jagneaux, together they had four daughters. They made their home in Richard where they farmed until their retirement.

At the age of 13 Dick borrowed a fiddle from his uncle and began to practice under a china ball tree in the yard. After a few months he was ready to play in house dances. His talent was quickly discovered, and soon, Cajun musicians invited him to play in local dance halls .

During his lifetime Dick often played up to eight gigs a week not only to help support his family but also because he loved the music. His talent allowed him to travel to many states, as well as a few countries, to play at social events and festivals. He often traveled with Marc Savoy, Dewey Balfa and D.I. Menard.

Dick played with so many Cajun musicians including Walter Mouton, Ray Lavergne, Belton Richard, Adam Herbert, Nolan Cormier, Terry Cormier, Blacky Forester, and Lawrence Walker. In addition to the fiddle, he also played the steel guitar. His unique style can be heard on famous "Hee Haw Breakdown", along with Nolan Cormier and Peter Boudreaux. He can also be heard on many recordings with Lawrence Walker.

After retiring from farming, Dick and Jermaine started to build Cajun accordions as a hobby. It quickly became a full time job. They built accordions for many people locally, as well as throughout the United States and Internationally. There is still a great demand for the “Point Noire” accordions.

Dick suffered a stroke in 1998, leaving him paralyzed and unable to play fiddle and build accordions. He died on May 29, 2005, at the age of 72.