



Richard Ricke

May 31, 1930 - March 16, 2016

Richard Henry Ricke, 85, of Westside, Iowa returned to his heavenly home on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. He died unexpectedly at his home from a heart attack.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 19, 2016 at St. John's Catholic Church in Arcadia. The Celebrant will be Fr. Gary Snyder. Con-Celebrant will be Fr. Richard Remmes. Music will be by Sharon Bierl and the St. John's Choir. Lector will be Jerome Henkenius and LuAnn Vollstedt. Gift Bearers will be Abigail, Madelyn, Reese, and Rylie Ricke. Eucharistic Ministers will be Darlene Ricke, Stacy Ricke, and Julie Ricke. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Eugene Mohr, Gaylen Mohr, Martin Mohr, Richard Hanson, Bob Engler, Jeff Latterell, Rick Muhlbauer, Jake Muhlbauer, and Eugene Muhlbauer. Casket Bearers will be Richard's sons: Doug Ricke, Kevin Ricke, Tom Ricke, Dan Ricke, Keith Ricke, and Lynn Ricke. Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery in Arcadia with military honors conducted by the Arcadia American Legion.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4 p.m. on Friday where there will be a Rosary prayed at 5 p.m., and a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to St. John's Parish or Kuemper

Catholic Schools Foundation.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Richard's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Richard was born on May 31, 1930 in Wall Lake, Iowa, the son of the late George and Rose (Derner) Ricke. Richard attended country school near Arcadia before graduating from Arcadia High School in 1948.

Richard served in the Army 3rd Infantry during the Korean Conflict from 1952-1953. Following his honorable discharge he returned to Arcadia to begin farming with his father and late brother Ralph Ricke.

On June 16, 1956, Richard was united in marriage to Marietta Josephine Demuth. They were married at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. Following their marriage, Richard and Marietta made their home south of Westside.

Richard was very active in his community by serving: as a 4-H leader for 15 years; a Board Member of the Farmers Coop in Arcadia for 25 years; Sargent of Arms for the Arcadia Legion for over 60 years; Eucharistic Minister, Usher and Rosary Leader at St. John's Catholic Church in Arcadia, and served as trustee of Hayes Township. He enjoyed woodworking, antique tractors, fishing, playing cards, socializing with his many friends and following the Iowa State Cyclones.

Richard is survived by his wife Marietta of Westside, Iowa; six sons: Douglas (Lori) of Kalamazoo, MI; Kevin (Geri) of Westside, IA; Tom (Julie) of Clive, IA; Dan of Urbandale, IA; Keith (Darlene) of Vadnais Heights, MN; and Lynn (Stacy) of Urbandale, IA. Richard was blessed with 12 grandchildren and 6

great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Esther Hausman of Halbur, Iowa and his sisters-in-law: Bernice Wagner of Dodge City, KS; Sister Emily Demuth of Fresno, CA; Patricia Demuth of St. Louis, MO; and brother-in-law Jim Demuth of Fort Collins, CO., as well as many nieces, nephews, friends and other extended relatives.

Richard was preceded in death by: his parents; his brother Ralph Ricke as well as brother-in-laws Jerry Wagner and Clarence Hausman.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Dear Doug,

Diane and I are sorry to hear about your father's death. God Bless your Dad, you and your family.

Bruce Beachnau

Dr. Bruce A. Beachnau - April 05, 2016 at 08:12 AM

CD

“ Our deepest sympathy to Marietta and family. Richard was truly a GREAT man...very generous and caring. He was one of my 4-H leaders and did a great job and allowed us to participate in showing livestock at the fair. I deeply respect him and he was always fun to be around. I'm really glad one of the boys (I think it was Tom) told us how you took fishing trips to Arkansas in the White River. We were able to take our parents down there one year and they really enjoyed it. It is still one of my best memories fishing with my parents. He and Marietta raised a great family and I just want to offer my sympathy and know that I will keep you all in my prayers.
Craig & Debbie Dentlinger

Craig Dentlinger - March 19, 2016 at 11:15 AM

SG

“ Sarah, Eli, and Adam Givant purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Ricke.



Sarah, Eli, and Adam Givant - March 19, 2016 at 09:56 AM

KV

“ *May God be with us today and always as we remember a marvelous man.*



Kent and Karen Vollstedt - March 19, 2016 at 02:14 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Ricke.*



March 18, 2016 at 04:37 PM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Richard Ricke.*



March 18, 2016 at 04:32 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard Ricke.*



March 18, 2016 at 01:46 PM

PF

“ Hugs and prayers to the family of a man with a very loving soul. He will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him! RIP, Richard.....

Butch and Pat Fasbender

Pat Fasbender - March 18, 2016 at 12:50 PM

BE

“ Brent, Jody and Ella purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Richard Ricke.



Brent, Jody and Ella - March 18, 2016 at 12:37 PM

LF

“ Love The Hinrichs family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Ricke.



Love The Hinrichs family - March 18, 2016 at 10:02 AM

SF

“ Sharon, Sue, Jason, Ben, Tom and Fernando purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Richard Ricke.



Sharon, Sue, Jason, Ben, Tom and Fernando - March 18, 2016 at 10:02 AM

AH

“ My thoughts and prayers to Marietta and family. I have nothing but great memories of Richard. Always had a smile on his face. He was such a positive person! Ann Haberl

Ann Haberl - March 17, 2016 at 11:04 PM

JT

“ John And Peggy Thelen lit a candle in memory of Richard Ricke



John and Peggy Thelen - March 17, 2016 at 10:06 PM

SC

“ Richard Ricke my brother-in-law was a very ver y special person, I am gratefull to God that his path in live crossed mine He touched my life and many many others, My prayers are now in thanksgiving for Richard's life and I pray for a real consolation and peace o for his family members and many , many friends. sister Emily

Sister Demuth C.S.C. - March 17, 2016 at 10:03 PM

BV

“ Marietta and family, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family on Richards passing. We are praying for you at this sad time.

Bruce & Mae Vonnahme - March 17, 2016 at 09:24 PM

MP

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Uncle Kevin and Aunt Geri and family. Keep the memories alive.*

Monty and Nancy Padget



Monty and Nancy Padget - March 17, 2016 at 08:46 PM

BD

“ *Family of Richard Ricke - when the Lord calls our loved ones home he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Hold those memories and let them guide you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers we send to all of you.*

Maria Saldana, Jeannie Saldana-Shears, Dan & Becky Deal

Becky Deal - March 17, 2016 at 07:57 PM

AR

“ *Ricke family....our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are extremely sad as we won't be able to come say goodbye to Richard as we are 1300 miles away right now. Richard was a guy that would treat you like you were family and we are sure going to miss his smile and all the wonderful stories he could tell. May you all comfort each other and remember what a neat husband, father, grandfather, brother etc...you all had in him. Aimee, Rob, Ben and Will Rooney*

Aimee Rooney - March 17, 2016 at 07:12 PM

BJ

“ Family of Richard Ricke -Just visited with Richard at our neighbor's funeral at St Lawrence on Sat - always had a smile . May Gods' love & the love & prayers of family & friends comfort all of you . May you find peace knowing RICHARD is safely home & in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father . He is at peace . Berdell & Marilyn Jeschke

berdell & marilyn jeschke - March 17, 2016 at 06:43 PM

KA

“ What a wonderful soul to be near to! I was a childcare provider for his granddaughters and he seemed to welcome me into the family as if I were his daughter. He had a hello, a big smile and a new story each time I saw him. I am thankful to have met Richard. Healing blessings to all of those who will miss him so dearly.

Karmen - March 17, 2016 at 06:33 PM

DI

“ To Richard's family, Deepest condolences and many prayers for all of you during this difficult time. In the song "Three Wooden Crosses" singer Randy Travis sings "It is not what you take it's what you leave behind." God Bless. Dave, Patty, Lisa, and Mary Irons Northwood, Iowa.

Dave Irons - March 17, 2016 at 04:57 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Ricke.



March 17, 2016 at 03:48 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Richard Ricke.



March 17, 2016 at 03:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Richard Ricke.



March 17, 2016 at 03:03 PM