

Richard L. "Dick" Arbuck

May 24, 1941 - September 3, 2019

Richard Lee Arbuck, lovingly known as “Dick” was born on the farm near Fairmont, Nebraska on May 24, 1941 and he continued to live there his whole life. He was the youngest of two children born to Lillian (Zeleny) and Carl H. Arbuck. He passed away on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota at the age of 78 years, 3 months, and 10 days.

Dick went to country school and later to Fairmont Public School. As a very young boy, Dick discovered his lifelong love of farming - farming alongside his father. He continued farming actively until the 1990's. As a boy, Dick was always fixing up and working on or tinkering with things on the farm and continued to do so – even inventing useful things to use on the farm. He was always experimenting with and taking things apart to see how they worked. He became a “jack-of-all trades” doing most of his own mechanics, electrical, plumbing, and building work.

In 1958 he started dating his partner for life, Deanna (Schallenberg) Arbuck. They were married June 30, 1963 and began their adventures of life together. In 1965, Dick joined the Army Reserves. His unit was called to active duty in 1968 and deployed to Vietnam. There he became very good buddies with many of them and continued to visit them and their families throughout his life. They recently had their 50th reunion. Dick returned home from Vietnam in July 1969 and returned to farming. In addition to crop farming, he also raised hogs

and feeder cattle with Carl and later operated a cow-calf herd.

Besides farming, Dick started working at Styskal Irrigation in the 1980's. In 1995, he became a partner in ownership of Styskal Irrigation alongside 3 partners, retiring in 2012. In the late 1990's, Dick began to crop share the farm to Don Bristol, however, he stayed active in decisions with their endeavor.

Dick and Deanna loved to travel throughout their early married years and traveled extensively in the later years of their married life. They traveled to all 50 states and 6 continents and have countless photos and memories. Many of the trips were made with great friends. While traveling to Antarctica, Dick met Roksana Majewska who became another very special person to Dick. They were fortunate to have been able to travel together. Dick's favorite place to travel was Alaska, which they were fortunate to have visited several times.

Dick was a wonderful man; he was loving, understanding and a patient husband and friend. He had a sense of humor and contagious laugh that was unmistakable, and he typically had a joke or story to tell. He had many interests, including a profound love of all animals, fishing, hunting, playing cards with friends and square dancing. He found interests in everything and everyone around him. He was blessed with many life-long and special friends whom he always enjoyed surprise visits from to have a cup of coffee or a beer and conversation. He took great pride being able to help them in any way if they needed.

Despite some health hurdles, Dick lived his life well and never knew a stranger. He embraced life as a gift and an adventure with his own style of humor, humility, and with no regrets.

He was preceded in death by his parents Carl and Lill; grandparents; father and mother-in-law Lewis and Margaret; brothers-in-law Jerry Schallenberg

and Bill Jacobsen; nephew Lewis Lee Schallenberg, and many other relatives and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Deanna; sister Jean Jacobsen; special niece Cindy (Jack) Slocum and family, niece Susan (Randy) Jensen and family; God Daughter Tammy Styskal and her husband Jeremy; God Daughter Donell "Nelly" King-Smith and wife Heather and their son Jakob Guerra. Tammy and Donell were the children he and Deanna never had. He is also survived by Chris McAllister and his family; Chris was also like a son to Dick. Also surviving are lifelong friends Duane and Donna Smith; special friends Mark, Julie, and Susan Manning, Jim, Forrest, and Jennifer Bergin; and a host of other special friends and their families. He will be missed by many but will remain in all our hearts.

We would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Bryan East and Mayo Clinic for the extraordinary care they provided. Also, a special thanks to the crew of South Central EMS for their compassionate care for Dick during his transport to Bryan East.

A Funeral Service for Dick was held on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fairmont Community Church in Fairmont, Nebraska. Pastor Seungli You was the officiant for the service. Shirley Milton provided the prelude and postlude music and also accompanied the congregation in the singing of "In The Garden." The recorded selections "What A Wonderful World," "Thank You Lord," "September Song," and "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" were played during the service.

Pallbearers for the service include Matt Slocum, Dan Slocum, Jeremy Styskal, Jason Arbuck, Shane Bristol, and Don Bristol. Honorary Pallbearers included Roger Smith, Duane Smith, Jerry Frazier, Jerry Chapman, Stuart Luttich,

Bernard Arbuck, Larry Rhoades, Larry Schepers, Elton Flodman, Robert Fuelberth, and Robert Milton.

Military Interment was held in the Fairmont Cemetery following the Funeral Service. Military Rites were performed by the Fairmont American Legion Lt. Forbes Post 21 and the Nebraska Military Honor Guard.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com.

Memorials are suggested to the Fairmont American Legion, Fairmont Rescue Squad, and the Mayo Clinic-Nephrology Research in c/o Richard Arbuck, Department of Development, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905.

Cemetery Details

Fairmont Public Cemetery

Fairmont, NE

Previous Events

Family Present for Visitation

SEP 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

SEP 8. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

SEP 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

Fairmont Community Church
705 F Street
Fairmont, NE 68354

Tribute Wall

LP

“ *Sorry to hear about Dick's passing.*

Leroy Policky - September 13, 2019 at 07:02 PM

HB

“ *Harvey And Sandie Buhr lit a candle in memory of Richard L. "Dick" Arbuck*



Harvey and Sandie Buhr - September 10, 2019 at 04:57 PM

VJ

“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Richard L. "Dick" Arbuck*



Virginia Johnson - September 09, 2019 at 08:13 PM



“ 26 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - September 09, 2019 at 02:01 PM

BH

“ Brenda Hafer lit a candle in memory of Richard L. "Dick" Arbuck



Brenda Hafer - September 08, 2019 at 09:48 AM

DG

“ Deanna, we are so sorry about Dicks passing. He was such a fun person to be around and Dave always had good things to say about Dick when they were in Vietnam. I'm so glad we had such a good time at the army reunion. He looked so good and was so happy . We never know what God has in his plans for us so we need to make the best of each day . May God give you strength and comfort now and in the future days . Our deepest sympathy and prayers.

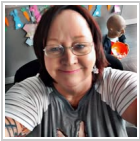


Dave and Pat Gartner - September 07, 2019 at 10:59 PM

TD

“ Oh Deanna I am so sorry of Dicks passing. I will always remember going out to the truck and talking to him after your hair appointments. Always laughing and cheerful. We always talked about farming and your next trips! Will miss his laugh and big smiles!

Tanya Duba - September 06, 2019 at 08:11 PM



“ I have so many memories with Dick. He will be forever in my heart.

Ronda Nolan - September 06, 2019 at 07:14 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard L. "Dick" Arbuck.



September 05, 2019 at 08:14 PM

CB

“ CLINT And Lorraine Buller lit a candle in memory of Richard L. "Dick" Arbuck



CLINT and Lorraine Buller - September 05, 2019 at 07:56 PM

SZ

“ Deanna, I was so sorry to learn about Dick's passing. I'm so glad I spoke to you both at the Quilt/Memorial service in Fairmont in May. Dick reminded me so much of my Uncle Perry with that quick wit and ornery smile! Sending you hugs and he will always be in your heart and memories.

Fondly,
Shelley Moul Zimmerli

Shelley Moul Zimmerli - September 05, 2019 at 12:36 PM

HF

“ Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Richard L. "Dick" Arbuck



Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer - September 05, 2019 at 11:18 AM

ES

“ Eric Schepers lit a candle in memory of Richard L. "Dick" Arbuck



Eric Schepers - September 05, 2019 at 10:30 AM

LR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



LaMoine Roth - September 04, 2019 at 09:00 PM

DH

“ Deanne and family. Was so sorry to hear about your loss of Dick. We so enjoyed that reunion and I appreciated getting to know you gals better. May you find comfort in the memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Dean and Karen Hawthorne.



Dean and Karen Hawthorne - September 04, 2019 at 06:00 PM

HE

“ Heather lit a candle in memory of Richard L. "Dick" Arbuck



heather - September 04, 2019 at 05:13 PM

KT

“ Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Richard L. "Dick" Arbuck



Kent & Rose Theobald - September 04, 2019 at 11:33 AM

JF

“ Jerry & Karen Snodgrass Family lit a candle in memory of Richard L. "Dick" Arbuck



Jerry & Karen Snodgrass Family - September 04, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Richard L. "Dick" Arbuck*



Virginia Johnson - September 04, 2019 at 08:17 AM