



Richard "Dick" Nability

October 17, 1936 - January 12, 2020

Richard "Dick" Nability, 83 of Grand Island, died Sunday, January 12th at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 AM Friday at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Celebrating Mass will be Father Don Burhman. Military honors will be rendered by the US Navy and United Veterans Honor Guard. Cremation will take place following the service.

Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Thursday with a 7 PM Christian Wake Service at St. Leo's Catholic Church.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements. Memorials are suggested to either the Arbor Day Foundation or Grand Island Public Schools Foundation.

Dick was born in Grand Island on October 17, 1936 to Joseph and Wilhelmina (Trubl) Nability. He graduated from St. Mary's High School. After working his parents' farm for a year, he served in the US Navy from 1956-1960. Following his military service, he was united in marriage to Annette Rott on October 6, 1962.

Dick received his bachelor's degree from Kearney Teacher's College and his Masters' from Kearney State College. His teaching career began in 1966, teaching at Wasmer Elementary and then Knickrehm Elementary. He was a well loved and respected science teacher. His summers included working as a farm inspector for de-tasseling crews. Following his retirement from Grand Island Public Schools in 2000, Dick worked for the City of Grand Island Parks

Department during the summer seasons.

His memberships included St. Leo's Parish and the Knights of Columbus. He loved growing large gardens (and sharing the bounty with everyone), hunting, fishing, bowling and making horseradish. He had a farm near North Loup and as a conservationist, planted thousands of trees.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 57 years, Annette; their children and grandchildren, Chad (Kathy, Will and Lee) Nability of Grand Island, Nadine (Bryce, Chris, Kyle, Katie, Kiana) Pearson of Lincoln, Kurt (Alissa, Harrison) Nability of Stilwell, KS, Collin (and special friend Mandy, Caleb and Kaden) Nability of Kearney, Kyle (Shayla, Carter, Elaine) Nability of Grand Island and Jolene (Adam, Madison Pierce, Ellie Pierce, Maly John, Lauryn John, Annaston John) of Kearney; brothers, Dr. Stanley Nability of Grand Island, Joseph Nability of Omaha and Virgil Nability of Lincoln and sisters, Virginia Nability of Cortez, CO and Martha Dibbern of Grand Island. He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ernest, Ray, George and Alfred Nability and a sister, Angela Nability.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Dick" Nabity*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *What an amazing friend. My heart is very heavy with the loss of a great man. I had the honor of knowing him for 40 years and getting to know his family who I know meant everything to him.*

I can't help but smile when I think about some of the experiences we shared. From working the corn fields and picking thistles at the farm. To grouse hunting at Halsey and chaperoning 6th. and 7th. graders at Orlando Florida. There was never a dull moment with Richard.

You couldn't ask for a truer friend. The world was a better place with him in it. You will be greatly missed my friend.

I love You ,

Dennis Korgel

Dennis Korgel - January 15, 2020 at 10:27 PM



So sorry Annette and family

Carol Holman - January 17, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Nabity.*



January 15, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ *Mr. Nabity, as I called him, was very kind to me and set a great example in so many ways. I was always welcome in the Nabity house and I frequently joined Kyle and Mr. Nabity on the farm trips. I have so many great memories of swimming, hunting, fishing and camping from these trips! Mr. Nabity was always generous, kind, and gentle with us kids. Mr. Nabity was truly a great Christian man who always put people ahead of anything else and leaves a great legacy.*

Brad Booker - January 15, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ *The Dr Robert R Geer Sr MD family sends its deepest sympathy to the Nabity family. Again our sympathy.*
Robert R Geer Jr.

Robert Hershgeer - January 15, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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“ Dick was not only one of Grand Island's great elementary science teachers, he was a true friend, mentor and role model. He was there for me to help with Orlando trips, Outdoor Education planning, and curriculum work. Science was his passion and he taught me many of life's lessons. I did not know a more caring and honest man than Dick. He will be missed.
Ken Tell

Ken Tell - January 15, 2020 at 11:43 AM

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“ Mr. Nabity was a special teacher, and he was willing to go the extra mile for his students. At one point, one of his students had transferred to my classroom after moving and he had some hard times in his life. When I contacted Mr. Nabity about his struggles and told him that this boy missed Mr. Nabity, he started a journal that was shared back and forth to help let this boy know he was cared about. This was before texting and emails. He was an inspiration to students and to teachers. Patty Brown Sorensen

Patty Brown Sorensen - January 14, 2020 at 10:06 PM

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“ To Richard's family, We were saddened to hear about Dick's Death. We were so fond of Dick and his love of teaching & farming and his hise radish he always brought us. Terry & Roger Lee had so much fun bowling together. Terry & he went classes together at Kearning & had some great laughs at Dick's antics. He would come to see Terry sometimes when he was gone and he would stay & talk about teaching & I always enjoyed chatting with him. Then when Terry was counselor at Kinickrem they supported each other. So extremely sad. We didn't realize he was I'll. Since moving to Omaha we lost touch. Prayers for you all in your grief. Prayers for you all & his wonderful life. Terry & Judy Desch

Terry & Judy Desch - January 14, 2020 at 10:04 PM

MS

“ *Richard was the best neighbor. He was always helping us out with scooping snow, raking leaves, letting me know what kind of weeds we had in our yard, fresh vegetables and great conversation. My favorite conversations were talking about politics and hunting. Richard was always positive and had a friendly smile and greeting for all of us. We have missed Richard and Annette since we moved. We will never have a better neighbor. Prayers for comfort during this difficult time. Tony, Michelle, Amara and Alex Schultz*

Michelle Schultz - January 14, 2020 at 08:31 PM