



Richard Dale Gillham

March 13, 1935 - January 12, 2022

Richard D. Gillham, 86, of Doniphan passed away on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church. Reverend Adam Snoberger is officiating. Vic Peter, a lifelong friend and teacher for many of the family at Trinity Lutheran School, will conduct the music for the service. Burial will follow in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation is at the church from 5-7 p.m. Monday. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Richard was born March 13, 1935, in Grand Island, the son of Harold and Helen (Weeks) Gillham. He grew up in Grand Island and graduated from Senior High School. On October 3, 1952, he married Barbara Meyer, the love of his life. This year would be their 70th anniversary. They were best friends, married young and felt they raised each other together, growing up with family and grew in their faith along the way with each other.

Richard worked as a brakeman for Union Pacific Railroad alongside his father who was a conductor. After his employment with the railroad, the couple briefly resided in Chicago before moving to Jacksonville, Florida where Richard worked for Western Electric, and as a salesman for American Motors.

They returned to Grand Island where Richard worked for his father-in-law, Arnold, at Meyers Farm Equipment and eventually purchased the implement business. He took much pride in owning and operating the business, as well

as the relationships formed within the farming community and with the Meyers Equipment family and friends.

He also enjoyed the family cabin at Sherman Lake where he and his wife loved to sail.

Richard had a childhood dream of owning a horse, therefore he made sure each of their six children had a horse to ride. He enjoyed watching them at horse shows and also raising quarter horses.

He retired in 1996, and they moved to Amick Acres in Doniphan, where they enjoyed living life on the beautiful lake.

Those who cherish his memory include his wife, Barb; children, Debra (Michael) Husman of Chapman, Stephanie (Wendall) Cooper of Peyton, CO, Rick (Deb) Gillham of Hebron, Richelle (Jeff) Kitchen of Marshall, TX, Laura Hermance of Grand Island and Rebecca (Scott) Christensen of Lincoln. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren, Kerri (Aaron) Bly, Joe (Candace) Husman, Matthew (Nicole) Knight, Weston (Amanda) Cooper, Rachel (Paul) Pridham, Cassie Cooper, Bo Gillham, Tara (Matt) Swartzendruber, Hannah (Chris) Dunlap, Reagan Christensen and Rowan Christensen; 28 great-grandchildren; sister, Joy Reeves of Central City; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jan Gillham and Craig Gillham; and a granddaughter, Tessa Knight.

Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran School.

Online remembrances may be left at www.giallfaiths.com.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Grand Island, NE

Service

JAN 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Dale Gillham*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *So glad the service was live streamed. It was a lovely service. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love to all. Jennifer and Craig Boehlke*

Jennifer Boehlke - January 18, 2022 at 09:04 PM



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



January 17, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Dale Gillham.*



January 17, 2022 at 09:19 AM

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“ Dear Barb and family,
We are deeply saddened to hear of Dick’s passing. And recall
fondly of fun times spent sailing and gathering at Sherman. Keeping
you in our thoughts and prayers,
Tom and Terri (Welch) Hongsermeier

Terri Hongsermeier - January 17, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family
of Richard Dale Gillham.



January 16, 2022 at 04:48 PM

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“ Glen and Carolyn Christensen purchased the Be
autiful in Blue for the family of Richard Dale
Gillham.



Glen and Carolyn Christensen - January 16, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Richard Dale Gillham.



January 16, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Dale Gillham.*



January 16, 2022 at 11:23 AM



“ *Fond memories of Dick and his Family prompt me to send this acknowledgment of Dick. He was the strong Patriarch of the Family who instilled wisdom, faith and love to his children, always in a calm and loving way. He was always a Gentleman and he is with the Angels today. Rest in Peace!*

Gale P. Beal - January 16, 2022 at 06:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Dale Gillham.*



January 15, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *PRAYERS TO FAMILY & FRIENDS!!!*



Terry Quinn - January 14, 2022 at 04:57 PM

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“ so sorry to hear of the passing of Dick .He was one of the best men I have ever been associated with and his wonderful family always meant alot to me RIP Love,Doug Dahl

DOUGLAS DAHL - January 14, 2022 at 03:54 PM

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*Rest in peace Dick.
You always were such a great friend.
Sending our condolences and prayers to Barb and the families.*

Erika and Jerry Haag - January 16, 2022 at 11:28 PM