



Richard "Rich" McKinny

February 5, 1948 - November 6, 2020

Richard "Rich" McKinny, 72, of Grand Island passed away on Friday, November 6, 2020 at Country House Estates in Grand Island.

Memorial Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at All Faiths Funeral Home. Dan Naranjo will officiate. Livestreaming of the services will begin at 1:45 p.m. on All Faiths Funeral Home Facebook page.

To protect those most vulnerable, face masks are required and CDC guidelines and social distancing will be followed.

Private family burial was held at the Grand Island City Cemetery.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. Memorials are suggested to First Faith United Methodist Church or Donor's Choice.

Rich was born in Council Bluffs, IA to Dick and Edna McKinny and raised in Hancock, IA. He graduated from AvoHa Community Schools with the class of 1966 and received his Bachelor's Degree from Iowa State University. He served proudly in the United States Air Force.

Rich and Joyce moved to Grand Island, NE in 1978, where they raised their family. He worked for the Hall County Sheriff's Department for 29 years, including 19 years teaching D.A.R.E. classes in Hall County schools. Rich was an active member of First Faith United Methodist Church. He loved a hot cup of coffee and a visit with friends and spent many hours with friends at church coffee time.

After retirement, he spent most mornings at the YMCA with his group of friends sharing coffee and community. Rich spent many hours bowling,

fishing, traveling, and watching his grandsons' activities. He especially enjoyed 25 years of fishing trips to Canada with a special group of relatives and friends. Rich never knew a stranger, loved people, making new friends, and helping anyone and everyone who needed a hand.

Rich's life is celebrated by his wife of 51 years, Joyce McKinny, and his entire family: Cristi and Dave Robb, Susan and Matt Albers, and Laurie and Jamie Kuebler. Rich always said as a reward for raising three teenage girls he was given 8 grandsons to enjoy: Dylan Robb, Ryan (Athena Eccher) Robb, Christian Robb, Damon Robb, Bode Albers, Jacob Albers, Alek Kuebler and Ayden Kuebler. Also cherishing his memory are brother and sister-in-law Ron and Kaymie McKinny and their daughters Sarah and Erin; special cousins, Rod and Jean Ulfers; brother-in-law and sisters-in-law Jeanne Blank, Lavon Hadfield, Ray Danker, Karen Hundt, and Mary Jane Danker; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He loved us all for our unique talents and personalities.

Rich was preceded in death by parents Dick and Edna McKinny; sister Kathy Bandars; parents-in-law Emil and Linda Danker; many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family would like to thank Country House for the kind and generous care they provided Rich and his family over the past months.

Mr. Rogers said that in hard times we should "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." Rich always said that he liked to be a Helper. As a tribute to Rich, the family asks that you try be a Helper and make the world a little bit better for someone else.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Rich" McKinny*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Joyce and family, I had not seen Rich for some years but he always remembered me and always had time to talk. The last was at Heartland Lutheran during voting so had to be at least 4 years ago. I know the last months have been difficult but remember all the good years and all the great things he accomplished. When you first moved to GI , I worked with you then met Rich. He was DARE officer for our boys and always a good influence and so well liked. In deepest sympathy, Vera Henman*

Vera Henman - November 14, 2020 at 09:10 AM



“ *Joyce and family, I want to offer my condolences to you all! I worked with Rich when he was an agent with Mutual of Omaha before his long and rewarding job with the Sheriff's office. He was truly one of the nicest people I ever had the opportunity to meet. He always remembered me when I would see him after that and always took the time to visit. I will cherish my memories of him. May you find peace remembering all the wonderful, special times you had with him! He will live on in his children and grandchildren. Take care, Cindy Beran*

Cindy Beran - November 10, 2020 at 04:08 PM

KE

“ *I considered Richard a good friend;
He would light up a room with that big smile of his; no one was a stranger to Rich.
Whenever we needed help with a church project, Rich was there.
I never heard Richard speak badly about anyone, he accepted people as they were.*

Always quick with a one liner or some humor; Rich was a pleasurer to be around.

A man of great faith; I could tell tell that he loved his wife, daughters and grandchildren very much.

Richard will be greatly missed!

Keith Eschliman

KEITH ESCHLIMAN - November 10, 2020 at 02:12 PM

SA

“ I lived and worked in Grand Island from mid-2015 to mid-2020, and had the pleasure of meeting Rich at the Y. He was my early morning treadmill partner for my first years there, and it was he who made the first friendly overtures toward me, engaging conversation, initiating that task of building the bridge of friendship.

His stories of his professional life were indicative of an open-minded and eminently fair individual, one who wished to serve anyone with a reasonable semblance of awareness of his or her own duty to behave decently toward other human beings.

Rich made good on his wish to be of service, whenever and however he could. Case in point was his having put his pickup and himself at the service of the small nonprofit I worked for, to help us move our heavy office furniture from one location to another.

He was frank in imparting news of his impending health travails. I was still in Grand Island when Rich left home for Country House. But for the current situation, I would have enjoyed visiting him. Phone calls had to suffice. In our last conversation, his frustration (with himself) for not being able to adhere to the subject at hand or properly discern the identity of the caller caused me to hesitate before calling again...it seemed I might be engendering more anguish than pleasure. And while vacillating on the question, I received news of his passing.

To all those in Rich's circle, I hope he will remain with you in the best of all senses, as a husband, father, grandfather, uncle, former colleague, fishing buddy, and friend.

For my part, I am happy and honored to have known Rich, who was one of the first to welcome me--an outsider--into the Grand Island community.

Steve Anderson

Steve Anderson - November 10, 2020 at 12:42 PM

JB

“ *Rich was a dedicated volunteer at the Grand Island Veterans Home for many years. He regularly initiated many wonderful card games, conversations, friendships, and memories with our Veterans. He shared his Canadian fishing adventures with such enthusiasm everyone felt they were there too. His smile and kind heart radiated the halls and brightened everyone's day!*
Grand Island was fortunate to have him watch over us in his civic duty, honored for his Military Service. and thankful for his personal committee to his fellow man.
RIP Rich.

Joanne Badurs - November 10, 2020 at 11:21 AM

JG

“ *So sorry to hear of Rich. He was such an amazing and thoughtful guy. I always enjoyed the chances I got to talk fishing and baseball with him. He will be greatly missed.*
Thoughts and prayers with you all.
Jeff Gannon

jeff Gannon - November 10, 2020 at 09:30 AM

JH

“ *I'll never forget giving Rich a scare on the steps in your childhood home. Although so funny I felt so bad, too! Later in life I enjoyed our chats and laughs at the Nebraska State Fair. What an amazing man! Sending many prayers your way. May all the good memories fill your souls and may God bring you comfort and peace. Love you all! Jacy*

Jacy Horst - November 09, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" McKinny.*



November 09, 2020 at 04:47 PM



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November 09, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ *Joyce, Laurie and family,
My heart aches for all of you right now. I have so many fond memories of Rich growing up with the church friends from Faith. Rich always called me "smiley" and would tease me every chance he had. He was a very special man and will be missed greatly on this earth. May your memories hold you tight and bring you peace. He will be missed.
JoDee (Jensen) Hubbard.*

JoDee (Jensen) Hubbard - November 09, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss! May you find peace in your memories. ❤️*

Heather Sutton Riblett

Heather Sutton Riblett - November 08, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ *Full Heart was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" McKinny.*



November 08, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ *Joyce and family- My heart is broken for you. Rich was one of the nicest guys you could ever know. Whether it was a GILT show, a LaCamerata dinner, or the grocery store- he always took the time to visit- and always asked me about Reed and Bobbi, who he had worked with for years. I will miss him so much too. Sending you love and prayers during these next difficult days. ❤️— Robyn Kenyon.*

Robyn Kenyon - November 08, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ *Will always remember Rich trying to teach me Cribbage when I broke my ankle a few years back. Finally the ankle healed but I never beat him, at that game. Will miss his laughter. John and Peggy Helms.*

john Helms - November 08, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" McKinny.*



November 08, 2020 at 10:30 AM

VN

“ We will always be thankful for Rich's caring attitude and his work with the DARE program.
He was a good friend at Faith U.M. Church. Thoughts and prayers for his family. Del and Sandy Noe

Verdel Noe - November 08, 2020 at 10:25 AM

SG

“ Joyce & family;

I am so sorry to read of this today. Although it's been many years since I met Rich through you and our ties through the hospital, what a kind man he was. Hold tight to the memories which I'm sure are many and in the days ahead may you find comfort.

Sheree Giesenhagen

Sheree Giesenhagen - November 08, 2020 at 09:34 AM

DE

“ Sincere sympathy to Joyce and the family.
Larry and Dianne Ehlers

Dianne Ehlers - November 08, 2020 at 09:05 AM

DS

“ Joyce & family
I am so sorry for your loss. Wishing you comfort in the many wonderful memories you hold in your heart
Donna Sanders

Donna Sanders - November 08, 2020 at 08:15 AM

MP

“ Sorry for your loss. He was my boys DARE teacher and lived in the same neighborhood and would visit with him. Nice guy. Prayers and sympathy to you all

merna Parmenter - November 08, 2020 at 12:01 AM

BK

“ Hi to all of Rich’s family. I know Rich is where he lived his life to be at home with his Lord 🙏 We will surely miss him, as we know you all will. I really enjoyed our friendship all these years, I do want to share the fun I, and I’m sure all his fishing buddies had also. The one trip we went to the refuge lakes by Valentine, I met him and John Helms at Clear Lake. We had a great day on the lake, and when it came time to leave it was too windy to get back to the boat ramp. We pulled off to the bank and Rich volunteered to walk the mile back to bring my pickup and trailer closer. I met him at the road and had to take a barbed electric fence down. I said no worries, I have my fence plier and stretcher along;) he never got over how I seemed to have the right tools to get close to the boat to load up. I always enjoyed sharing his stories at coffee time after church. Rich was an awesome husband, father, grandfather, and a great friend. We feel your sorrow and love you all ❤️ May God be with you all, as I know He is with Rich 🙏🙏

Buce & Sharon Kleint - November 07, 2020 at 11:01 PM

RU

“ Memories. Growing up together, playing baseball together, fishing to include Minnesota, Canada, Ballard's Resort, Sherman, McConaughy, Yankton, Valentine wildlife refuge, farm ponds, and more. We are cousins by blood, but best friends by mutual agreement. I will always miss you and will cherish the good times we had together.

Rod Ulfers - November 07, 2020 at 10:18 PM

SS

“ So sorry to hear about Rich’s passing. Bob has fond high school and high school basketball game memories with his classmate. Sincere sympathy and caring thoughts to Joyce and all the family. Bob and Sharon Siebels



Sharon Siebels - November 07, 2020 at 08:25 PM

MS

“ Always enjoyed seeing and talking to Rich. He was always looking out for and willing to help me. Thoughts and prayers to the McKinney family.

Mark Sorensen

Mark Sorensen - November 07, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" McKinny.



November 07, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" McKinny.



November 07, 2020 at 06:11 PM