



## Bernard Elmer Dicks

July 12, 1920 - July 30, 2016

Bernard Elmer Dicks age 96, of Albia, passed away on Saturday, July 30, 2016, at the Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Bernard was born July 12, 1920, to Arthur Ernest and Maud Irene (Tyrrel) Dicks. He was married to Rosella Kirkham on May 31, 1942, at the United Brethren parsonage in Albia, Iowa. Rosella preceded Bernard in death on May 23, 2000. They bought Rosella's uncle's house in the country not far from where they grew up and settled there all their married life, 58 years.

The majority of Bernard's working life was with the family business, Dicks Brothers painting. He also raised a small cow/calf herd and later raised sheep. He was a faithful member of the Albia United Methodist Church and taught Sunday School for 30+ years. In 1965, he joined the Masonic Lodge Astor #505, also going to the next order of Chapter of Royal Arch.

Bernard had many interests and hobbies. His earliest was flying a piper cub airplane. His longtime friend, Bob Trussell, was his flying instructor. He was an avid civil war buff and took many trips to civil war memorial sites in retirement. On one occasion he came home with a replica civil war cannon. Many Albians enjoyed Bernard shooting the cannon at the start of the Restoration Days parade. Other interests included collecting vintage guns and coins. He had a woodworking shop in the barn and made many unique pieces for family and friends. He also enjoyed carving and making large carvings from tree trunks, a large cigar store Indian and totem pole. In later years, he was an avid reader.

Bernard is survived by his children, daughter Leslie (Lee) Daub of Nevada, IA and son Arthur (Pam) Dicks of Albia, IA; four grandchildren, Stacie (Mike) Kozlowski, Jason Daub, Marcie (Aaron) Kamerick, and Matt Dicks; and ten great grandchildren. He was a 'family' man and enjoyed being around family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosella; parents, Arthur and Maud; and four

brothers, Everett, Francis, Roy in infancy and Howard Dicks.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Burial will follow services at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Bernard's family present from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Masonic Rites provided by Astor Lodge #505 will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Memorials have been established to Trinity United Methodist Church, Albia Public Library or to the Welcome Home Soldier Memorial.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak View Cemetery

602 2nd Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 2.** 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 3.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
1117 Benton Ave East  
Albia, IA 52531

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ I took care of Mr. Dicks many years ago when I was a nurse at the hospital there. On my wall in my office here in CA, I have a carving from a piece of wood he gave me after his recovery. I will always remember him as a gentle soul with a strength that carried him through his adversities. Kate (Burzclaff) Clark

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**Kate Clark** - August 10, 2016 at 11:53 AM



“ Bernard was a life long friend of my father, Glenn Long, and so I knew him from my earliest memories. I was able to visit with him in August 2014 and we both enjoyed seeing each other and talking about past memories. One of my favorite memories was my brother David, probably age 15, and I, then 10, got an airplane ride with Bernard as the pilot! I was thrilled, but David just wanted back on the ground!

Hearing of Bernard's passing has deeply saddened me. I take consolation in knowing he, Rosella, and both my parents are together again talking over old times.

I offer my deepest condolences to his family and all of Albia for he will be deeply missed.

Shirley Long

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**Shirley Long** - August 02, 2016 at 07:10 PM

MD

“ So sorry to hear of Bernard's passing. I have a lot of great memories of his stories and his avid interest in the history, the Civil War and life itself. I still have some lead Civil War soldiers and cannon he gave me many years ago.

My sincere condolences to the family, Bernard may be gone from this life but he will live on in those who knew and loved him.

Mike Dommer

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**Mike Dommer** - August 02, 2016 at 09:41 AM

ML

“ I just heard of Bernard's passing. I'm so sad, he was a true friend, and a wonderful human being. I met Bernard via my wife, Rosie Hindman, and we became friends. We both were former pilots, and his kindness and vulnerability were so special. The only real grandfather I had was a cold, hard man I never really knew. Bernard helped this empty spot in my life, and I will truly miss him.

*I'm so sorry to the family and to Albia for your loss, and mine.*

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**Mark Limke** - July 31, 2016 at 10:04 PM

DJ

“ I will miss my special friend very much! He made my day as much as I made his. So glad I got to be his friend! Deb Jones RN MCC

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**Deb Jones** - July 31, 2016 at 06:12 AM

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**Chuck Tyrrell** - July 30, 2016 at 08:35 PM

SH

*Best known and probably best loved man in community, as Rosella best loved woman. Together for eternity. Sarah*

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**Sarah Hindman** - September 17, 2016 at 10:00 PM

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“ We are sorry to hear of Bernard's passing. When I visited Albia it was a joy to visit with him and listen to his stories. Condolences to his family and friends.

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**Chuck Tyrrell** - July 30, 2016 at 08:28 PM