



## Richard Carl "Dick" Spencer

December 14, 1927 - April 13, 2014

Richard "Dick" Carl Spencer, age 86 of Albia, passed away Sunday, April 13, 2014, at Oakwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albia.

Dick was born December 14, 1927, to John Earl and Wreatha (Pence) Spencer south of Albia in Hilton, IA. He married JoAnn Curtis on October 30, 1955, at the Christian Church in Ottumwa. They shared 55 years of marriage together before her passing on February 18, 2011.

Dick graduated from Albia High School in 1948. He owned and operated Spencer Dairy and did contract work for Wapello Dairy until they closed in the early 70's. He then worked for Meadow Gold until 1977 when he was in an automobile accident, but still helped on the family farm.

Dick was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, was on the Monroe County Fair Board; and past president of the Albia Booster Club. He was very involved with William Penn University and even helped drive the bus for the girls' basketball team for many years. He enjoyed coaching little league baseball, farming, working, and having coffee with the boys at Hardee's. He also loved spending time with his family, especially the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Dick is survived by two sons, Dr. Richard (Laurie) Spencer of Osceola and Ron (Sandy) Spencer of Albia; five grandchildren, John (Emily) Spencer of Albia, Stacy (Tim) Haas of Albia, Catherine (Zach) Reinhart of Ames, Amy (Rob) Attridge of Durrus, Ireland, and Richard Dean Spencer of Ames; three great grandchildren, Case Spencer, Katie Haas, and Eloise Reinhart; three siblings, Rosemary Thomas of Houston, TX, Coach Bob (Pat) Spencer of Des Moines, and Carol (Jack) Maberry of Bella Vista, AR; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and a sister, Earlene Davis.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 18, 2014, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia; with Pastor Neil Montz officiating. Inurnment will be in Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be 2-8 p.m., Thursday, April 17, 2014, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia; with the family present from 5-8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Monroe County Fairgrounds.

# Comments

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Ray Woodard

Albia High School class of 1965  
John F Kennedy College class of 1969

Ray Woodard - Pleasant Hill, IA - April 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ron and Dickie, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. He was a good man. One of my favorite HS memories is when Ron got several of us to skip out of 7th hour study hall, as sophomores, because they forgot to put us on the study hall list. We would go make Dick's deliveries to the County Home and then ride around town in Ron's ragtop convertible. I'm still not sure how we never got caught. Many other great times were had at Spencers' with your mom and dad. May God and your memories carry you through this time.

Russ Peterson - Lee's Summit, MO - April 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sympathy to your family. Your Dad was our (Sam Shepard family) milkman for years. He would come in our back door and put our order in the refrigerator every delivery. I loved this!  
He and your Mom were also huge supporters of the Albia Girls Basketball team for many of us from 1968 - 1972. I don't think they ever missed a game and were so proud of us when we made it to state.  
I just wanted you to know that so many have wonderful memories of your parents. Thank you for sharing them.

Lela Shepard Griffin - April 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I remember seeing Dick cheering on the Lady Statesmen basketball team. He always had an encouraging word for everybody. He always had a smile on his face.

**Jan Roudebush Bastian - Des Moines, IA - Friend** - April 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dick, Ron. and families, we were sorry to hear of Dicks passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. I think of your mom and dad every time I walk by or drive by their house. They were both very good friends and neighbors over the years. They will both be together once again and enjoy each other.

**MAX COX - Albia, IA - friend and neighbor** - April 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM