



Richard Francis Eastlick

June 12, 1939 - May 25, 2019

Richard Francis Eastlick, age 79, of Albia passed away on Saturday, May 25, 2019, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, IA.

Richard was born on June 12, 1939, at home in Albia to Samuel Sylvester and Agnes Grace (Hornick) Eastlick. He grew up and attended school in Albia, graduating with the class of 1958. He married Sandra Ann Leggett on April 8, 1961, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Georgetown, IA, and to this union, 3 children, Richard Michael, Joseph, and Christine were born. Richard and Sandra shared 42 years of marriage prior to Sandra's passing on July 21, 2003.

Richard worked in assembly at John Deere Ottumwa Works, retiring in March of 1996. Following retirement, he traveled around and assisted with set up for other John Deere plants. Richard also had a cattle and hog operation throughout his adult life.

Richard was a proud UAW member. He enjoyed the outdoors, known by many as a mountain man. He was an exceptional gardener who others often turned to in order to gain knowledge for gardening. He liked collecting old Massey Harris tractors, and enjoyed feeding and watching the humming birds. He was a firm believer in the Farmer's Almanac and loved to pass on folklore to his children and son-in-law. He was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan, faithfully watching games on Sundays and even attending several games over the years. Richard's true joy in life was spending time with his family and friends and he loved when friends stopped by his red shed to enjoy a cold beer with him. Richard was known for saying, "We aren't talking politics or religion, death or dying. Let's drink some beer and have some fun!"

Richard is survived by 3 children, Richard Michael "Clint" Eastlick, Joseph (Tina) Eastlick, and Christine (Jody) Milburn; 4 grandchildren, Bryan (Teri) Eastlick and Lindsey, Holly, and Brandon Milburn; 3 great grandchildren, Kennick, Ayden, and Lincoln Eastlick; a sister-in-law, Vivian (Gary) Stafford; and his dog, Spunky. Richard is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra Eastlick; his parents, Samuel and Agnes; 3 siblings, Dorla Wasko and Bill and Bob Eastlick; and a nephew Bryan Dye.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Richard's family present from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends. A rosary will be held at 6:00 p.m. led by St. Patrick's Altar and Rosary Society.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Georgetown, with Father Mark Yates, C.P.P.S. officiating. Per Richard's wishes, his body will be cremated following services and a private family burial will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established to the family.

Events

MAY 28 **Visitation** 01:00PM - 08:00PM

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave., West Albia, IA, US, 52531

MAY 28 **Rosary** 06:00PM

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MAY 29 **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
574th Ave, Georgetown, IA, IA, US

Comments



“ We got to know Richard over the past few years as he visited our farm on a weekly basis to buy tomatoes all throughout the summer. He was always fun to talk to and we enjoyed seeing him every week. How sad to hear of his passing. He was a great guy!

Michael and Melanie Seals at Country Roads Produce

Michael and Melanie Seals - May 28, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ My parents (Gary and Shelia Adamson) were friends with Richard and Sandy and I have fond memories of visiting them when I was younger. They also had some really good times on their driving vacations and playing cards! Richard was a great man and he will be missed.

Angie McMullin (Adamson) - May 28, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ Clint, Joe, and the rest of the Eastlick family,
We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Richard. He truly was a gem - a man with a good heart of gold. We always liked visiting him and learning about the tractors, and having fun at the Red Barn on occasion! May your memories be of comfort and solace. We will smile each time we think of him.
Peace...

John and Cee Talbert - May 28, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Francis Eastlick.



May 28, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ Steve And Michelle Chambers lit a candle in memory of Richard Francis Eastlick



Steve and Michelle Chambers - May 26, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your father was a good man. My husband and I spent many hours in the Red Shed visiting with him. He will be truly missed.



Janice (Montgomery) Allison - May 26, 2019 at 10:05 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Chris and Jody and all your family ! Guess that makes you a cousin to Dave! I didn't know that !! Thinking of you at this difficult time !!. Evelyn Sharpe

Evelyn Sharpe - May 26, 2019 at 09:38 PM



“ Mike, Joe and Chris (and families) my heart is heavy hearing of your dad's passing. He was the greatest, always made me feel like I was one of the family. I have too many wonderful memories to share just one. R.I.P . Richie baby!

Robyn Pearson - May 26, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ I remember so many great times with Richard. Back in the 80's Gary and I used to go out to the "farm" and play cards with Richard and Sandy until early morning!! Richard was the luckiest at pitch. He could bid on a 3 and 4 and get his bid!! Sandy and I were usually the losers. He was a soft-spoken man, but when he had something to say, you'd better listen. He was the greatest brother-in-law anyone could ask for. We will miss him dearly. RIP dear Richard.

Vivian Stafford - May 26, 2019 at 06:11 PM