



Harold Lee Mick

September 25, 1930 - February 21, 2012

Harold Lee Mick left our world, but not our hearts on February 21, 2012. He was 81 years old. The great love Harold had for others, and they for him was evident in the many visitors and notes sent from family and friends to support Harold and each other in his final months.

Harold was born September 25, 1930 to the late Fred Lyman and Sylvia Olson Mick. Harold married Gloria Barnhill Mick September 23, 1950 in the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. He is survived by his wife, Gloria; sons Doyle (Tina) and Dave (Lois); and brother B.E. (Pat-deceased). He was a proud grandfather to Jenni (Eric) Bishop, Sara (Jimmie) Summers, Adam (Jill) Mick, Lindsey Mick, Neal (Molly), Mick, Curt Mick, Nate (Kerri) Fosenburg and Kara (Matt) Case. Harold was a great-grandfather to Rebecca Summers, Jesse Bishop, Austin Summers, Jacob Bishop, Elijah Bishop, Henry Fosenburg, Caden Case, Mia Case, Katie Fosenburg, Fletcher Mick and Brynlee Mick.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers Wayne (Esther) and Raymond (Mary) and two brothers who died in infancy; and daughter Adriana Loaiza, foreign exchange student.

Harold graduated from Bussey High School in 1948; He attended the University of Iowa for 2 years before entering the United States Marine Corps on December 10, 1951. Harold was proud to be a United States Marine. He

served during the Korean War at Cherry Point, North Carolina. After serving in the United States Marine Corps, Harold and Gloria returned home to Albia in 1955, where they built and operated Mick's Drive In restaurant. In 1960, Mick's Furniture and Appliance was established in Albia. During the 51 years at Mick's Furniture and Appliance he was a Whirlpool dealer. Harold spent his career building relationships with the community and customers.

Harold's passions and interests were helping others and giving back. Harold valued the friendships he made and was thankful he could help others. Harold was proud and supportive of his family.

The community and education were important to Harold and Gloria. They both are supporters of the Albia Community Schools. Both helped encourage Albia graduates to pursue their education with the Harold and Gloria Mick Scholarship. This tradition will continue.

Harold served as Board President with Area Education Agency since its origin in 1974. For 37 years, Harold was honored to be the only active President. Harold considered the AEA his second family. He was committed to improving education. He believed strongly in the quality and equity of education for all learners.

Along with his wife Gloria, Harold received much recognition for service in the community.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 25, 2012 in the Albia Community High School Gymnasium at 503 B Avenue East in Albia; with Rev. Neil Montz and John Van Weelden co-officiating. Burial with military rites provided by Howard Cessna Post #136 of Albia will be in Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be held from 11 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2012 in the Family Life Center at 1115 A Avenue East in Albia, with family present from 4 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family has established a memorial to support Monroe County Youth Activities and Organizations, which may be sent to Tharp-Winfield Funeral Home; 116 Benton Avenue West; Albia, Iowa 52531.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Lee Mick*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Harold Lee Mick*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I just came across this news, and even though it's been over two years I know that the loss of someone close never fades easily into the past. I hope you are all well, and surrounded by people you love.*

Terri Hess - Lee's Summit, MO - Friend - May 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Family of Harold,
I am a past customer of Mick's furniture store. Harold was so sweet and helpful to me when I bought 9 pieces of furniture for my home and 1 large appliance. He was not a pushy salesman is why I came back to his store and have sent many people there. It is a sad time but if he chose heaven, he is having a wonderful time and you will see him again.*

*Blessings to your family.
Mary Bee*

Mary Birkinbine - ottumwa, IA - Friend - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ It is truly an honor to have worked with Harold as a board member. His knowledge of education and history in the field was an invaluable asset to our board. I regret that I was out of state the week of his passing and services and was not able to be in Albia on Saturday. My husband and I lived in Chariton before moving to Fort Madison in 2000, so I remember well our shopping at the store in Albia and enjoying the town that Harold loved so much. I would bet that very few residents are more proud of Albia than Harold was--he was a great ambassador for the Albia community. He was a grand man and we will miss his leadership on our board as well as his great sense of humor and candid responses! My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Vicki Stephenson - Fort Madison, IA - GPAEA Board Member - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ My prayers go out to your family during this time of sorrow.

Sarah - February 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Dear Gloria, Doyle and Dave,
I was out of town when Harold passed away and a friend shared this website with me to express my sympathies to you.
My fondest memories were when Harold first hired me to be the radio and TV repairman for his store in Albia. Since I lived in Tracy and a winter storm prohibited me from going home after work, Harold and Gloria generously offering to host me in their home overnite on more than one occasion. Gloria even went to the trouble to make me oatmeal for breakfast since she knew that was my favorite. Gloria and Harold were such loving and caring people. After uncle Sam called me to serve in the Army, I spent my career in Illinois and northwest Iowa but over that 40 years continued to see Harold and Gloria on occasion. It was a blessing to continue a relationship built on friendship and integrity.
Gloria, Jan and I pray God will comfort and sustain you and your family during this time of mourning. May you find strength in knowing your loved one will one day be reunited with you in Heaven
We love you in Christ, Ken and Jan Veenstra

Ken Veenstra - Pella, IA - friend and employee - February 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I am so very sorry that I was unable to be at the services for Harold. He was such a sweet man and I know your hearts are heavy! He left behind with each of you many wonderful memories! May God Be With Each Of You!

Deb Moore

Deb Moore - Albia , IA - friend - February 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Back in the late 50's/early 60's, Harold and Gloria Mick came into my life, via Mick's Drive In & Root Beer Stand, which my ex-husband purchased from them, and it subsequently became known as Dicks' Drive In.

Harold and Gloria were both very kind, loving and fun people to be around, and Harold and I had many pleasant conversations in the furniture store and in the various restaurants we frequented, while Gloria and I had fun bowling for Dicks' Drive In.

Harold was a very unassuming man, who did much for the Albia community and the surrounding areas, and we will all miss him very much. May God be with his family, and his friends, today and in the days to come, as they adjust to life without him in it.

Karen Smead Dicks - Ottumwa, IA - Friend - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Many years ago, when I was a single parent, in the middle of a divorce with no money, Harold helped me get furniture to get started. He took a chance on me, and with his faith in me, I felt like I could do anything. I have since completed my RN, BSN and MSN, become a FNP-C and now am the Assistant Director at California, State University Health Services in Long Beach, CA. He made a great difference in my life. I will never forget him. He also raised his family to be the type of person he was, what an amazing man...and family. Bless you all. Kate

Kate (Wall) Clark - Long Beach, CA - Friend - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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MI

“ What a great man to have known, will always remember our talks in my office. God Speed Harold.

Mike and Diane Sulentich - albia, IA - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We say heartfelt goodbyes...God be with you, Harold. We will cherish all the many good memories of our lifetime of friendship. You will be missed. Love and prayers, also to Gloria and all of your wonderful family. Semper Fi.

Jim & Carolyn Plum - Friends - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ BOUGHT MY FRIST STEREO FROM HIM AT THE FURNITURE STORE ALWAYS ENJOY HIS ROOT BEER STAND, WAS A GREAT FUN PLACE.

ED MGINN - QUINCY, IL - FRIEND - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ For Aunt Gloria all my Mick family.
It has been a joy and honor to have Uncle Harold as my Uncle, he was a part of my life that can never be replaced. At the same time I also have joy knowing he is Home with his Lord. And knowing is he is there with my Mom & Dad, Grandma & Grandpa, and all our other family members who have gone before us.
All My Love,
Carolyn

Carolyn - Bussey, IA - neice - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ From the first time I met Harold in the early 80's, I knew he was a special man. I didn't see him often, but I cherish the Sunday afternoon visits, when he would stop by my store. Harold truly loved hard work success stories, and he enjoyed watching others make their way in life. He had a way of enriching lives with just a short visit. I am sorry for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather. He was one of a kind.

Craig Dorman - West Des Moines, IA - Friend - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Gene and I have been friends with Harold and Gloria a long time. Harold and Lois would chat about our back surgeries and pain when we would meet or when we would go into the store. Share what we were doing doctor wise what worked what didn't. When Lois was in high school she did ironing's for Harold and Gloria in their home. They were always very pleasant to work for and be around. Harold knew we had the grandkids living with us and gave us a good deal on a new refrigerator. That was another source of conversation between us for years also, our grandkids. We pray that you loved ones left to remember his love is blessed beyond measure by the outpouring love of this community to each of you in support of you and his memory to help you on this journey. Prayers and Blessings.
Lois and Gene Behrens

Lois Behrens - Albia, IA - friend - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Quiet and unassuming, Harold will be greatly missed. Because he and Gloria chose to make Albia their home, this community will be forever enriched.

My sympathy and love to Gloria and all the family.

Sarah Hindman

Sarah - Albia - Friend - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ We will miss you greatly Dad

Doyle and Tina Mick - Albia, IA - Son and daughter-in-law - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Faimly of Harold Mick*

We are out of town but wanted each of you to know how special you are and our love and prayers are with you.

God Bless each of you.

Chuck & Margaret Mordan

Chuck and Margaret Mordan - Albia - friends - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *So sorry to hear of Harold's passing. He was such a wonderful man who will long be remembered by those in Albia and the surrounding area. He and Gloria will leave a long legacy through their sons and their families. Our sympathy and prayers go out to you.*

Don and Mary Carr - Urbandale, IA - friends - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *As one of my co-workers said, "Harold was just simply a good man". One of the benefits of my job has been getting to know Harold, especially during the last year and a half. I loved the stories he shared with me. I learned something each time we talked. While his dedication to education was immense, few probably realize the impact of his work. Much of what Harold did for us may have been understated and behind the scenes. We are all better people for having the opportunity to spend time with Harold. I thank his family for sharing him with us. I will miss him greatly.*

Tom Mosbach - Chariton, IA - Friend - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ To Doyle and family - we are so sorry on the loss of your father. May God bless and be with you during this difficult time.

Lou (Rowley) and Jim Swinney - Del Rio, TX - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ So sorry to read about Harold passing. He was a kind and loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He has done so much for the Albia Community and he will be missed. Our condolences to Gloria and all his family, may he rest in peace.

Marilyn and Steve Larson - Albia, IA - friends - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ Harold was a good man. He will be missed by everyone. He always had a smile and a firm handshake when you seen him around. Sorry for your loss and for the community's loss.

Tammy Courtney - Oskaloosa, IA - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM