



Richard "Dick" Earl White

September 21, 1944 - January 24, 2019

Richard "Dick" Earl White, 74, of Clear Lake, died Thursday, January 24, 2019, at Westview Care Center in Britt.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 2, 2019, at Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, 101 N. 4th St., Clear Lake. Inurnment will be at Clear Lake Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, February 1, 2019, at the funeral home in Clear Lake.

Family suggests memorial contributions to Mayo Clinic Children's Research Center in Rochester, MN.

Dick was born September 21, 1944, the son of Robert Leroy and Thea Violet (Eastman) White in Stewartville, MN. He married Diane Elizabeth Kramer and to that union two children were born. He later married Mary Ruhge in 1996.

A graduate of Clear Lake High School, Dick was drafted into the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War. He worked for Murphy Trucking as an independent truck driver, owned and operated Dick's Radiator Repair in Clear Lake, and most recently worked for Don's Auto Body Shop in Clear Lake.

Dick was a kind man who had a great sense of humor. He always enjoyed being outdoors and working on projects, including classic cars and trucks. He liked trout fishing, camping, plowing snow, collecting collectibles and socializing everywhere he went.

Dick is survived by his wife, Mary Ruhge-White of Clear Lake; two children, Tad (Bridget) White of Clear Lake and Dawn (Tracy) Anderson of Clear Lake; a step-daughter, Regina (Heath) Blau of Latimer; eleven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Russell (Rita) White of Boone and Ron (Nancy) White of Clear Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert White; and an infant sister, Janet Rose White.

Cemetery

Clear Lake Cemetery

N. 20th St.

Clear Lake, IA, 50428

Events

FEB **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Ward Van Slyke Colonial Chapel

101 N. 4th Street, Clear Lake, IA, US, 50428

FEB **Memorial Service** 10:30AM

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Ward Van Slyke Colonial Chapel

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Comments



“ Remembered things from long ago.
Tagging along with big brother when he had to let me.
To be able to buy a car he had a job after school steam cleaning inside of a milk tank at the creamery. It sat where Anytime Fitness is now. 56 Mercury station wagon.

When he wouldn't let me drive his new Impala. I told him I was going to bump into it if he wouldn't, then I accidentally did. I swear it was accidental! He chased me around the house several time before I wore him out. I think that was the only time he was ever really mad at me.

Dick always seemed to be working.
After the creamery he washed dishes at the Silver Boot restaurant.
He worked for our uncle's at Eastman Grain for a while delivering feed.
Went boating for uncle Sam in a far off land.
I tought him to weld aluminum when the three of us worked at Clear Lake Aluminum. While he was there he was a truck driver then in charge of the second shift until he bought a truck to go out on his own.
He let me"two man it" with him for a month when I came back from Florida. He even trusted me with his truck for a week when he had a funeral he needed to be at. I went with him for a week one other time when I had vacation.
At another place here I put up a picture of the 65 Cushman Truckter that he restored for Nancy and me. We traded a Ford 8N tractor to him for that. He had to restore the tractor too. Just what he loved to do!
Dick was always there, from having the right tool to changing out an engine to plowing out the driveway.
Always a great brother!
Love you Brother!
You too Russ.

Ron White - February 01 at 12:37 AM



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Ron White - January 31 at 10:28 PM



“ Dick restored this 65 Cushman Truckster for Nancy and me in exchange for a Ford 8N tractor we had. He had to restore the tractor too, just what he liked to do!

Ron White - January 31 at 10:39 PM



“ My Sympathies to Dicks family. I am Don and Flo Hauges daughter. I grew up being teased by Dick at the body shop. He was always kind and had a smile on his face. I know my dad is really going to miss his!!!!

Sherri Trapp - January 28 at 02:58 PM



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Russ White - January 25 at 08:58 PM



“ Pa and ma would take us on vacations and we went all over states west of the Mississippi. One year we visited the Micheals and I remember Dick sitting under the hood of a car on the wheel well working on the engine of Gordon Micheals. Dick had a passion for cars and trucks. Dick and I were both in Vietnam and he told me if he had known I was being sent over he would have stayed so I wouldn't have had to go. Love him for that but it was my responsibility to go. We would go to vets group therapy in Charles City driving his 66 Lemans convertible. If asked about Vietnam he would always say it was nothing. He was on a river patrol boat in the Mekong Delta. RPGed, rocket propelled grenade, by the VC. Shot at regularly. And sprayed with agent Orange, which caused his cancers and removal of a kidney. Dick, Ron and I like trout fishing and went together a couple of years ago and had fun being together and catching trout. A lot of great memories with my brother. Love you Richard.

russ white - January 25 at 04:54 PM



“ That was the only time I caught more trout than Dick or Russ.

Ron White - January 31 at 03:28 PM