



## Ricky Lee Harms

March 30, 1956 - April 17, 2019

Ricky Harms, 63, of Hanlontown passed away peacefully on April 17, 2019 at Good Samaritan in Forest City.

There will be no funeral services. In Rick's memory, his family will gather this summer for a fishing expedition, as fishing was near and dear to Rick's heart.

Inurnment will be at a later date.

Ricky Harms, son of Stenus and Betty "Kinsel" Harms, Jr, was born on March 30, 1956 in Hampton, Iowa. He attended North Central Schools in Hanlontown and Manly. After high school, Rick worked at Winnebago Industries for a short time and then enlisted in the United States Army in Fort Irwin, CA, where he actively served for several years and was deployed to South Korea to guard the demilitarized zone. Rick not only went to South Korea once- he went twice! (No one wanted to go there even once as it was too dangerous.) Rick, you are a true hero! We love you!

While in the Army, Rick received the Army Good Conduct Medal twice. He and his family were very proud of this. Rick loved the Army and the whole VA system, who diagnosed him with Brugada Syndrome approximately 10 years ago when no one else could figure out what was wrong with him. Rick's case is now used as a "Case Study" by Dr. Antezono. Rick traveled to VA's in Des Moines, Iowa City and St. Cloud, MN to be treated for his illness. IN January 2019 Rick was diagnosed with a bacterial infection in his colon which also affected his surgical site from a 2008 aortic aneurysm repair. This only happens to 2% of patients with similar diagnosis. Rick was referred to Hospice of North Iowa to help in comfort care in his final days of his life's journey.

Rick and his family would like to thank Hospice of North Iowa for their compassion and care; the VA Health Care System for their unwavering care and concern and to Good Samaritan for their staff's dedication and care to helping Rick in his time of need. Rick and his family want all of you to know you are appreciated and we are eternally grateful.

Rick was also employed at Byerly's (Lund Food Holdings, INC.) in Lake Mills for several years. Rick was a quiet, reserved guy. He loved telling jokes, and good natured pranks. He loved music, especially from the 60s and 70s. His favorite group was "Bread." He loved smoking cigarettes, drinking pop and eating sweets. He was passionate about nature, loved flowers, wildlife, all animals and fishing. He loved his bichons and had

several. He was kind to all people from all walks of life, and made friends easily.

Rick married Soun Kang in South Korea on November 7, 1980. They have been married for 38 years. He loved Soun and always saw that she was taken care of.

He is survived and will be truly missed by his wife Soun, his sister Judy; brothers, Randy Gary and Robert and their families.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Stenus and Betty, brothers, Stephen and Michael and several extended family members and friends.

# Comments

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“ Judy,  
Condolences to you and your family on the passing of your bother Ricky.

**Debbie Mejia** - April 20 at 10:19 AM