



Richard "Dick" Gene Woods

March 21, 1936 - July 26, 2020

Richard "Dick" Gene Woods, 84, of Toddville, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 26, 2020, at his home. In agreement with his wishes, cremation has taken place. The family will greet friends and family at a celebration of Dick's life from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2020, at Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Marion, Iowa. All guests are respectfully encouraged to wear a mask and practice social distancing. A burial will follow at Coggon Cemetery, Coggon, Iowa.

Dick was born on March 21, 1936, one of six sons to Walter and Elizabeth (Henderson) Woods. He was a 1954 graduate of Coggon High School and later graduated from Mt. Mercy College in 1977. Dick enlisted with the United States Army in 1956, and trained for nine months to be an Instructor of Guided Missile at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. The army transferred him to teach at the Redstone Arsenal in Alabama. Dick was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in 1959. On June 9, 1956, he was united in marriage to Janet Lorraine Hill in Coggon, Iowa. Dick began his career building prototypes in Test Equipment with the former Rockwell Collins, and after more than 35 years, retired as an Accountant. After retirement, Dick volunteered with the Monroe Township Fire Department for 18 years. He was a member of the Coggon American Legion Post #362. Dick loved spending time with his family, giving his grandchildren rides on the tractor, mowing his lawn, and tinkering outside on the acreage. He also enjoyed his many annual fishing trips to Canada, and family skiing trips. Dick was also known as "Woody" later in life. Many will often remember sharing a beer on tap with him at his home. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Dick is survived and lovingly remembered by his wife of 64 years, Janet Woods of Toddville; two daughters, Denise (Jim) Woods Stout of Erie, Colorado and Sue (Dan) Woods Beeson of New Brighton, Minnesota; two sons, Mike (Trudy) Woods and Mark (Laurie Roth) Woods both of Fairfax, Iowa; ten grandchildren; Jason (Carina Howe) Stout, Christine Beeson, Laura (Paul) Loeffler, James (Lacey Cartrite) Beeson, Ryan (Allie Gams) Beeson, Eric (fiancée, Shania Heckmann) Woods, Matthew Woods, Kyle Woods, Connor Woods and Cullen Woods; two great-grandchildren, Liam Stout and Alex Loeffler;

three brothers, James (Sue) Woods of Florida, Bill (Dorothy) Woods of Cody, Wyoming, and Gerald "Mike" (JoAnn) Woods of Coggon; sister-in-law, Mary Woods (deceased brother, Tom's wife) of Coggon; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Elizabeth Woods; and two brothers, Thomas "Tom" and David Woods.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Dick's memory may be directed to Hospice of Mercy at Mercy Foundation at 701 10th Street SE, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52403, or the Monroe Township Fire Department at 3694 Midway Road, in Toddville, Iowa, 52341, or the American Legion Post #362 at 200 1st Street S., in Coggon, Iowa, 52218.

Cemetery

Events

Coggon Cemetery

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Celebration of Life

01:00PM - 03:00PM

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Coggon, IA,

Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Service - Marion
3855 Katz Drive, Marion, IA, US, 52302

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Burial

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Coggon Cemetery
Coggon, IA, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Murdoch Funeral Homes & Cremation Service - July 29 at 06:40 PM



“ Dick always took the time to play with us kids at Thanksgiving Gopher holes... I remember him dearly and am so sorry for your loss. I look back sometimes at people who helped shape me to be who I am today. Dick was one of those people. May God hold him in his arms.

Matthew Bennett - July 30 at 05:16 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Richard Woods Processional Line-up



Murdoch Funeral Homes & Cremation Service - August 03 at 11:18 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Graveside Service



Murdoch Funeral Homes & Cremation Service - August 02 at 06:15 PM



“ Mike-so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. I will be thinking of you!
Jon Kaut

Jon Kaut - August 01 at 09:41 PM



“ Cindi Rudish lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Gene Woods



Cindi Rudish - July 31 at 01:57 PM



“ Jan and kids, Dick was such a special person and always a great conversationalist who had a wealth of knowledge to share. I especially enjoyed talking about nature and travel with both he and Jan in front of the fire or out on the porch with of course a beer from his private stash. I am very sorry for his passing at this time, but as the video testifies what an incredible person and well lived life that we should all strive for. Deepest sympathy Cindi Rudish

Cindi Rudish - July 31 at 01:56 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Barb Woods - July 30 at 09:45 PM



“ Jan and Family,
May you find comfort in your fond memories of Dick that never fade away. He will be missed but not nearly as much as he will be remembered.
Kenny & Phyllis Jones

Kenny & Phyllis Jones - July 30 at 09:05 AM



“ 79 files added to the album LifeTributes



Murdoch Funeral Homes & Cremation Service - July 29 at 06:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Gene Woods.



July 29 at 10:50 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Gene Woods.



July 28 at 07:44 PM



“ I met Dick shortly after beginning my very first job as a newly minted engineer with Rockwell Collins in 1975. We worked for the test equipment group. We were responsible for testing our production radios but rarely asked to make more than a single test station. So I rarely had to deal with production problems. The perfect job for a green engineer because Dick was in our shop and was able to make numerous recommendations to make our attempts at design actually capable of being built. Always kind and much appreciated. It was many years later when I was at Mike's Brown Ave house helping him get it ready to sell when Dick shows up to help also. First time I realized I had been hanging around with his son.

John Dean - July 28 at 01:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Gene Woods.



July 28 at 11:23 AM



“ The man had a beer tap in his kitchen. He knew how to live well. His home, life, and family are all an inspiration. A truly good man, I'm happy we all could know him.

Jacob - July 27 at 07:11 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Gene Woods.



July 27 at 02:10 PM



“ I was just a late blip on the story of Dick Woods life. That said he so inspired me and touched me, that I felt like i had known him my whole life. I wish I could rewind time and respnd the little bit I got to spend with him, as I feel robbed it was so short. I wish I could sit on his patio and talk for days with him. Dick you touched my heart and made me want to be a better man. Your impact on this world will live on far longer than you can imagine! Take care until we meet again! - Joey Cargol

Joey Cargol - July 27 at 01:52 PM

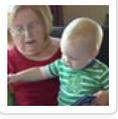


“ A group of us ladies went to Minneapolis. While there Jan bought a pretty nightgown. When she got home she held it up to show Dick saying , "Look what I bought for you". That night she looked for that nightgown to put on but couldn't find it.

When she crawled into bed there was Dick wearing her new nightgown. He said,

"You said you bought it for me".

Mary Northup - July 27 at 09:43 AM



“ You will be missed. Love to your family.
Carolyn and David Horton

Carolyn Horton - July 27 at 01:14 AM



“ We will miss him. Condolences to all who loved him.

Sharron (and Jack) McElmeel - July 26 at 11:12 PM