



Richard E Brandenburg

December 12, 1935 - September 6, 2021

Richard Eugene Brandenburg passed away on Sept 6, 2021 at his Creekside Community home in Grundy Center, where he has resided for that last four years.

Richard was preceded in death: parents, Arnold and Ada Brandenburg; brother, John Brandenburg; wife, Patrica (Rhode) Brandenburg; four daughters Victoria, Angela, Hope and Maria and sons Trevor, Alexander, Ronald and Ben.

Survived by: three sons: Dan(Deb) Brandenburg of St.James, MN and Michael and Martin Brandenburg, both of Waterloo, Iowa; two daughters, Joanna Brandenburg of Garnavillo,IA and Amiee(Tim) Eilers of Parkersburg, IA; three grandchildren: Christian, Sara, and Lydia Eilers, all of Parkersburg, and his Creekside Family in Grundy Center.

Richard meet his future bride Patricia Rhode at Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Cedar Falls, Iowa. They would remain loving dance partners for the next 33 years until her passing on January 1, 2001. Richard and Patricia were united in marriage on May 10, 1968 at First Baptist Church in Cedar Falls, IA. They enjoyed attending church together, "date night " trips to the grocery store and they loved going to Village Inn with friends from church.

Richard was originally trained as a watchmaker. He received his certification from the state of Iowa in 1957. He ran Brandenburg Jewelry Store in Independence IA until 1976. He held positions at John Deere, Viking Pump, Jacquards Jewelry Store, and Principal Financial. In 1986, he received his nurse's aide certification. He worked at Harmony House and at Covenant Medical Center where he retired from the dietary department in 2004.

In the years to come, life required Richard to reinvented himself in many vocations either because of a changing economy, the special needs of his family or his own physical limitations. Richard then simply would adjust his sails to whatever direction the Holy Spirits wind were blowing. The one thing that remained true through all the years was the character in how he lived his life. Patricia and Richard chose to adopt 10 special needs children in their time together on this earth. Richard delighted in being a caregiver. Richard quietly ,diligently and lovingly cared for the people God placed in his path. His spirit of contentment and peace is the gift he shared with all he encountered.

In lieu of memorials the family request that those wishing to memorialize Richard do so by

finding ways to carry Richard's spirit of "contentment and peace" into their own lives. This will ensure that Richard's legacy lives on.

A special note of thanks to the outstanding staff at Creekside Cottages in Grundy Center, Grundy Memorial Hospital, our dear and precious providers Lindsey Vogal ARNP, Becky Frisch ARNP and Brandy Reints ARNP. Richard spent most of his life lovingly caring for others... to have him cared for in the manner he gave care was a priceless gift to his family. May God richly bless all the caregivers who crossed his path in both these institutions.

Cemetery

Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street

Cedar Falls, IA, 50613

Comments



“ Brandenburgs,
I am Rita Copeland (Roy/Bud) Justis. Your mother, Pat, and had been friends since attending Cedar Heights Elementary School, Main St Jr High & CFHS where we continued as a “potluck” group of girlfriends, we’re in acapella choir together, musicals, slumber parties etc.
I married before Pat & Dick and she babysat our first born.
After your parents marriage, we moved to Iowa City but continued our friendship! Your family often visited us there when making UIHC medical visits.
Bud and I have so many long ago memories interacting with your family. But after Patricia RhodeBrandenburg passed & over the years we just lost track of where Dick was.
We are so sorry for the loss of Dick. He was a kind hearted gentleman.
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Rita Copeland Justis - September 12, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ What a blessing to know the Brandenburgs! Their spirit and dedication in helping raise their family in love and support, especially in education at River Hills School. As a former teacher, Dick and Pat were willing to share and support in any way they could. To the family, may you find peace during this time. God Bless you!

Cindy Frederick - September 10, 2021 at 08:42 AM



“ Tara Behrends lit a candle in memory of Richard E Brandenburg



Tara Behrends - September 10, 2021 at 02:11 AM



“ Richard was a amazing resident and friend. He would make a bad day good. Miss you.

shelly L - September 10, 2021 at 07:43 AM



“ To the family, We are sorry to learn of your dad's passing. We have many good memories of your parents and know that they were serving Jesus when helping so many children through the years! We still remember that your dad fixed a cuckoo clock that Gene brought back from Japan! May the Lord give you His peace in the coming days. Alice & Gene

Alice & Gene Janssen - September 11, 2021 at 09:52 PM