



Rhio H. Cleigh

March 8, 1932 - August 9, 2019

In Loving Memory

Rhio H. Cleigh 1932-2019

Rhio H. Cleigh, 87, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, was promoted to Heaven on August 9, 2019.

Rhio was born on March 8, 1932, in Yakima, Washington, the middle of three brothers. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at a Billy Graham Crusade on Sunday, September 28, 1969, at Anaheim Stadium in California.

Rhio was a man of many interests and talents. In earlier years you could find him scuba diving, operating his Ham radio, flying a plane, traveling in his camper, fishing and gardening. Later, he settled into photography, woodworking, cooking and breakfast at McDonalds, but nothing compared to the joy he freely gave and received through loving and serving the people at his church.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Cleigh of Cedar Falls; six children, Rick (Elizabeth) Cleigh of Spokane, Washington, Carol Sutton of Brasstown, North Carolina, Phil Cleigh of Des Moines, Marcie (Scott) Eriksen of Urbandale, Tracie (Rick) Bremner of Cedar Falls, and Wendie (Otto) Searan of Muskogee, Oklahoma; ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He

was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a son-in-law.

Visitation is at Richardson Funeral Service on Sunday, August 11th, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. A memorial service celebrating his homegoing will follow on Monday morning, August 12th, at Prairie Lakes Church at 11:00 a.m. There will be a private burial at Greenwood Cemetery prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to Western Home Communities or Prairie Lakes Church.

After his love for his Savior, it was Patti, who held the most special place in his heart. He loved when the house was full of laughter and loved ones. You never left without knowing how 'incredible' you were and what a great mom or dad you were to his grandchildren, how much he appreciated you and the way you lived your life. We will miss those kind words of affirmation but are rejoicing that he is in Heaven with a body that is once again strong, full of life and endless energy.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Memorial Service

AUG 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Prairie Lakes Church
1907 Viking Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-2655
<http://www.prairielakeschurch.org>

Tribute Wall

RK

“ Pat,

Just saw this and wanted to say Rhio will be greatly missed on this earth. We rejoice with you knowing this is not it, but that one day there will be a great reunion in heaven with him and our LORD. Rhio was the first to call us and meet with us after we visited 1st Baptist on 7th & Main. He was genuine and really cared about each person! May the Lord bring to your heart many sweet times together until that day!

Randy and Ranae Krull

Ranae Krull - August 16, 2019 at 04:33 PM



“ Dear Pat,

I was just thinking about Rhio on July 28th during my visit to Prairie Lakes, reminiscing about the day we visited 1st Baptist Church, and were so surprised to see you two there, not knowing where you went after Sunnyside. Rhio immediately brought us to a Sunday School class, so we decided to stay at 1st Baptist, which had just purchased the land for Prairie Lakes. (We left Prairie Lakes in 2011 for our move to Southern Missouri)

You and Rhio were always a great and impactful team working together for Christ.

Our hearts go out to you, and we join countless others who are also feeling loss, knowing Rhio left us for his new home in Heaven.

May God bless and comfort you and your family as you adjust to this new time of separation.

Love, in Christ,

Bev and Dave Gibson

Beverly Gibson - August 12, 2019 at 10:36 PM

AW

“ So sad to hear of Rhio's passing! He was a great 'stand-in' Dad when I moved in with the Cleigh fam for a awhile. When I had an important business decision to make, he gave me some sage advice that turned out to be the right move Will always be grateful for that! Praying for you Pat, my buds Marcie, Tracie and Wendy..and the entire family...I know he'll be missed.

Amy Wolter - August 11, 2019 at 10:14 PM

CB

“ I have known Rhio and his lovely wife, Pat for some time now. And I have had the privilege as a nurse, serving both Rhio and Pat at various times throughout the years. His love for Jesus and others was always been evident in his life. His smile was a balm for your soul on a bad day. And never once did he complain, no matter how dire his circumstances were. He was always interested in how you were doing. Pat, I've grown to love you both. You have been blessed with a wonderful family and a faith that transcends any circumstances life could throw your way! You have blessed my life in so many ways. And now the angels rejoice as another faithful soul is welcomed home into the arms of Jesus! What a man, what a beautiful legacy, to have lived love so others may know Jesus❤️

Carline Bruns - August 11, 2019 at 05:21 PM

DJ

“ Rhio was a dear, wonderful and wise man. We all were so blessed to have known him. Heaven is rejoicing at this moment with his arrival. Our sincere condolences to you Pat and your family. He will be missed, but, until we meet again. Love, Doug and Kathy Jensen

Doug and Kathy Jensen - August 11, 2019 at 03:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rhio H. Cleigh.*



August 11, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ *Rick and Tracy, you know how much Rhio meant to me as his counsel and encouragement brought me through the dark period in my life. As others have said, his smile and genuine, unconditional positive regard gave me hope and courage to press on in following God's path.*

We grieve with you in his passing, but rejoice in the welcome into the eternal home and crown he has received from our Dear Savior.

Stuart Holsing - August 11, 2019 at 10:06 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Never had I ever known anyone who ALWAYS greeted me with a smile, hug and that twinkle in his eye ! No matter how you felt, a smile from Rhio made your day! Precious and loved he was, hugs to you all.*

Lori Schoppe

Lori Schoppe - August 11, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rhio H. Cleigh.*



August 10, 2019 at 11:58 AM

WL

“ Rhio was a wonderful man who always gave me a hug and was happy to see me. I will miss chatting with him when we would stop by and his wonderful hugs. So happy he is home with Jesus now, fully restored.

Wendy Turek, Marcie's sis in law - August 10, 2019 at 11:31 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Rhio H. Cleigh.



August 10, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Rhio H. Cleigh.



August 10, 2019 at 01:16 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rhio H. Cleigh.



August 09, 2019 at 10:50 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Rhio H. Cleigh.* ”



August 09, 2019 at 01:33 PM