



## Richard Ervin Cleaver Jr.

September 28, 1934 - February 28, 2014

Richard E. Cleaver Jr., 79, formerly of Waterloo, died Friday, February 28, 2014 at Manor Care in Cedar Rapids.

He was born September 28, 1934 in Iola, Kansas to Richard Sr. and Dora (Chambers) Cleaver. He served in the US Army from 1957-1962. On August 1, 1952, he married Virginia Bowser in Arkansas City, Kansas. She died March 10, 2007.

Richard received a bachelor's degree in education from Southwestern University, and a masters from UNI. He spent his career in Waterloo teaching industrial technology for West Junior and East High Schools.

Survived by two sons, Richard of Marion and Phillip of Encino, CA, and his step mother, Fern Cleaver of St. Joseph, MO.

Preceded in death by: his brother, Russell, and step-brother, Kenneth.

Memorial Services will be 11:00am Saturday, March 8, at Richardson Funeral Service. Visitation will be one hour prior to service.

Memorials may be directed to UnityPoint Hospice

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
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# Tribute Wall

LC

“ we shared many good times with skip & Virginia at the rondyvoos. Skip loved pickled deer heart.if you wanted a bite you had to get it before handing the jar to Skip.Ginny made our 1st coverfor the Jerksville cook shack.may we meet at the big rondyvou upstairs.a couple of Missouri Jerks.Leonard & Laura Carver.

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**leonard carver** - March 07, 2014 at 08:17 PM

JB

“ Jim (Taco) and I have many GREAT memories of our rendezvous days shared with Virginia & Skip. I remember how all the kids would look up at him and ask how tall are you? Skip would say 5 foot 20 and they would just stare. Skip always had a welcoming hug for me and a hearty smile too. Every time I look at our pottery that Skip crafted and the items Virginia made I have to smile because they bring up memories that are happy.

God blessed many of us with the honor of knowing such friends. May we always remember and may God bless Richard and Phillip and help them treasure the years they had and the memories they will continue to cherish. We wish we could have made it to the services, but we will not be able to. Our thoughts and prayers will be shared with you even though we are not able to attend.

Touch a Cloud you are happily reunited in heaven with Grass Singing.

Thank you for being a piece of our lifes, Your forever friends, Taco and Berta

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**Jim (Taco) and Berta** - March 07, 2014 at 08:27 AM

JO

“Skip was always a good neighbor and a friend. He was always willing to lend a hand or keep an eye for our street. He wasn't just a man of character, he was a character. I could shoot the breeze with him all day long. He always had a great story to tell. Skip had a life well lived.

*Jeff Orvis  
Veralta St, Cedar Falls*

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**Jeff Orvis** - March 07, 2014 at 06:05 AM

JS

“While I did not get to know Skip as well as I would have liked, I was immediately struck by his integrity and grace in the face of such devastating news and circumstances. He was clearly a man of honor and it was a privilege to know him and care for him.

*Julie K. Shaw ARNP  
Heartland Care Partners practicing at  
HCR-ManorCare*

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**Julie Shaw** - March 06, 2014 at 02:53 PM

RP

“I worked with Virginia years ago at Allen and we share many good times with her and Skip. We saw him also at the Sturgis events at the Blacksmith enjoying himself.

*Our thoughts and prayers.*

*Rick & Linda Phillips  
Cedar Falls and Arizona*

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**Rick Phillips** - March 03, 2014 at 07:03 PM

NN

“ We shared many a rendezvous with your parents. Skip was always larger than life and a great role model to all. Our family has many special memories of those times. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

*Larry and Nancy Niday*

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**Nancy and Larry Ndiay** - March 03, 2014 at 01:43 PM

MB

“ Uncle Skip was always entertaining. He had a finger that was partially missing. As young children, he told us that it was bit off when he stuck it up his nose. We were terrified about picking our noses. Even though we lived miles apart, it was always special with Uncle Skip and Aunt Jenny came for a visit.

*Michael Bowser*

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**Michael Bowser** - March 03, 2014 at 12:25 PM

SM

“ I always thought he was a great teacher at West Jr. 1978 -1979. Loved his class the most and learned a lot. Great man and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

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**Shellie (Bruns) Mott** - March 03, 2014 at 10:25 AM

JM

“ Skip was liked and respected by everyone in the building. He enjoyed helping people and would do anything for anybody.

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**Jim Miller** - March 03, 2014 at 05:30 AM

RT

“ Had Mr cleaver as my shop teacher at east high and he hired me to help him work on his new building out at his farm many years ago..he was an outstanding person in so many ways he will be missed..

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**Robert twaites** - March 02, 2014 at 12:47 PM

DG

“ Skip was a fellow teacher at East High. I remember the day he was going to through out this huge cabinet that had served it's time and an old draftsman' table. When I asked if I could have them to use , he said,"how soon can you load them up?". The table was put to good use by my daughter that graduated from East in 91 and now teaching Art at UNI and the cabinet currently holds much of my hunting gear and clothes today. His demeanor was always mild but meaningfu. I truley enjoyed his acquaintance. As a family, you have someone that I am sure has blessed you all with a good life.

*Don Gibson Teacher/Coach East High*

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**Don Gibson** - March 02, 2014 at 09:10 AM

TB

“ Mr. Cleaver was my 8th grade shop teacher. He taught us how to develop a plan and then execute it and end up with a finished product you could be proud of. Many times I heard him say in class, " A place for everything and everything in it's place". Good words to remember for life. I still have a wooden pen and pencil holder made in his classroom. A great teacher who made an impact on me many years ago at West Junior high school in 1972. God bless your family as you remember all the good times together.

*Tom Bartling*

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**Tom Bartling** - March 02, 2014 at 08:37 AM