



Richard L Dickerson

August 20, 1946 - February 23, 2018

DIKE-Richard Lee Dickerson, 71, of Dike, died Friday, February 23, 2018 at Sartori Memorial Hospital in Cedar Falls.

He was born August 20, 1946, in Red Oak, Iowa, the son of William Clifford and Goldie Darlene Jensen Dickerson. He married Tamara J. "Tammy" Brown June 6, 1970, in Des Moines.

He graduated from Bridgewater-Fontanelle High School in 1964 and went on to receive his BA degree in physical education from the University of Northern Iowa. He taught PE in the Cedar Falls Community School District, first at North Cedar Elementary as well as other elementaries in the district. He then worked for Central Rivers AEA as a special education teacher, then work transition specialist until his retirement. Following retirement, he worked part-time in media transportation with Central Rivers AEA.

Survived by his wife of Dike; son, Christopher J. of Cedar Falls; daughter, Anjuli (John) Myers of Dike; two grandchildren, Mackenna and Madison Myers; five brothers, Jim Dickerson of Fontanelle, Duane (Linda) Dickerson of Greenfield, Randy (Sherri) Dickerson of Pierre, SD, Mike (Keri) Sickles and Ron (Kelli) Sickles, both of Fontanelle; two sisters, Kathi (David) Christensen of Harlan and Diane Warnaca of Brayton.

Preceded by his parents; step father, Charles Daniel Sickles; and sister, Donna Dickerson.

His body has been deeded to the Mayo Clinic's anatomical bequest program. Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

PI

“ In the year 2011, I had the privilege of meeting Richard at Secondary Transition Summer Institute conference in Ames, IA and we just bonded. We talked and talked for hours like people who had known each other forever. Richard was one great guy.

Irungu

Peter Irungu - April 13, 2018 at 03:26 PM

TD

Thank you for sharing. That was the great thing about Dick. He was a true people person and gathered friends wherever he went.

Tammy Dickerson - May 07, 2018 at 09:09 AM

NH

“ *Tammy I am so sorry to hear this news. Love and prayers to you and your family. Praying for peace and comfort for you* ❤️ 🙏
Nancy Brown Sheets Hodges

Nancy Brown Sheets Hodges - March 01, 2018 at 09:28 PM

TD

Thank you, Nancy. I appreciate the prayers.

Tammy Dickerson - March 02, 2018 at 10:52 AM

SB

“ I was so shocked to see the obituary in the paper. We ran into him at different places and he was always glad to see us, such a genuine people person. I taught at North Cedar and enjoyed him throughout the time I was there. Tammy, it was always so good seeing you and wish I had words that would ease your pain. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Suellyn Brooks

Suellyn Brooks - March 01, 2018 at 05:14 PM

TD

Suellyn, he had such great memories of North Cedar. He truly loved the staff and students. Thank you for your thought and prayers.

Tammy Dickerson - March 01, 2018 at 09:02 PM

KR

“ OOPS, Tammy.

Kim Rowell - March 01, 2018 at 02:31 PM

TD

That's okay Kim. I answer to many names. I can just add "Connie" to that list.

Tammy Dickerson - March 01, 2018 at 09:03 PM

KR

“ So sorry, Connie and family. I will miss having coffee with Richard. He was so proud of all of you and I heard a lot about those grandkids. Sincerely, Kim Rowell formerly with AEA.

Kim Rowell - March 01, 2018 at 02:30 PM

TD

He would always tell me about your coffee times. Yes, his family, especially the little girls were his world.

Tammy Dickerson - March 01, 2018 at 09:05 PM

DK

“ Our thoughts, prayers and sympathy go out to all the Dickerson Family. My memories of Dick are as an easy going high school kid with a friendly, mischievous grin on his face most of the time. He was a very integral part of our 1963 football team as a dependable receiver with real speed. (He may have told you a story or two about the 63 team). What I also remember is that he was a very good 800 runner on the track teams. You could always count on Dick to run the good race. God Bless you all.

Dave & Kay Koos
(Coach Koos BF 1962-65)

Dave Koos - March 01, 2018 at 10:30 AM

TD

I read your comments you shared with Nathan and this also. It makes me smile. He loved sharing his past with us. His biggest disappointment in the past two years was that he had to give up his running.

Tammy Dickerson - March 01, 2018 at 09:08 PM

SU

“ Our family enjoyed having your family as neighbors. In the summer we had weekly faculty picnics in the Dike Park. Then after I retired I would often run into Dick at HyVee. It was obvious how much he loved his family, and his easy smile will be greatly missed. Our love and prayers from the Rittgers family.

Sue - February 28, 2018 at 09:03 AM

TD

Thanks so much, Sue. We will have to get together some time.

Tammy Dickerson - February 28, 2018 at 03:50 PM

VB

“ My sympathy to you. I grew up in the same neighborhood as Richard. In the summertime, we would play baseball behind the school, as we all lived close to the school. Richard, Duane, and another neighbor boy would always hit home runs, which was over the fence, into a field of oats. Well, the farmer got very upset with us tromping down his oats, so we made a rule that if they hit it over the fence, they were "out". We were playing work-up, so finally the rest of us got to bat once in awhile. It was fun growing up with all the Dickerson, and Sivadge kids. Vicki Raasch Brown

Vicki Brown - February 27, 2018 at 06:04 PM

TD

Thank you for sharing your memory of Dick. It made me smile.

Tammy Dickerson - February 28, 2018 at 03:51 PM

KK

“ I worked with Richard at Aplington Parkersburg Middle School. One day I was ready to explode because a lesson or activity was not going at all the way I'd envisioned. Richard said something like, "I always try to remember to lighten up, they're just kids. They're not doing this to spite you. They just don't understand." For some reason, that lesson from a mentor teacher has always stuck with me. Many times over the years, I've heard Richard's voice and been able to "Lighten up - they're just kids!" I know he touched many, many lives through his work. I believe he touched many lives through my work as well. My deepest sympathies to your family. - Kim Koch

Kim Koch - February 27, 2018 at 04:34 PM

TD

Thanks for sharing, Kim. I know he had ultimate patience with kids.

Tammy Dickerson - February 28, 2018 at 03:52 PM

SC

“ I had Mr. Dickerson as a gym teacher at North Cedar School. He was a very special person. He will be missed. I will keep your family in my prayers.

Shelly Dixon Clark(former student)

Shelly Dixon Clark - February 27, 2018 at 03:04 PM

TD

Thanks, Shelly. I met quite a few of his former students whenever we were out in Cedar Falls.

Tammy Dickerson - February 28, 2018 at 03:54 PM

HO

“ I always looked forward to catching up with Dick and Tammy whenever I stopped into my mom's shop and they were in getting their hair cut. Dick will be sorely missed by many.

Haley Oswald - February 27, 2018 at 01:43 PM

TD

Thanks, Haley. He is definitely missed here!

Tammy Dickerson - February 28, 2018 at 03:54 PM

RS

“ Ron and Lisa Westerman (A-P Schools) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard L Dickerson.



Ron and Lisa Westerman (A-P Schools) - February 27, 2018 at 01:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard L Dickerson.*



February 27, 2018 at 01:17 PM



“ *My condolences to the Dickerson Family! I had Mr Dickerson for PE at North Cedar. I used to run into him all the time out and about he remembered who I was every time. Used to see him at sears every once in a while. Great Man! His smile and personality would light up a room. RIP Mr D"*

Dave Goodwin - February 27, 2018 at 12:15 PM



Thank you, Dave. I really appreciate your memory.

Tammy Dickerson - February 28, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a special man always having time for others. He will be missed.*
Bob and Sue Tapper

Bob Tapper - February 27, 2018 at 09:47 AM



Thanks, Tappers. We always enjoyed visiting when we met out in CF.

Tammy Dickerson - February 28, 2018 at 03:57 PM



“ *Condolences to Mr. D's family. He was a great addition to my elementary years at North Cedar. The world has lost a great guy.*



Jen Johnson-Schreiber - February 26, 2018 at 10:40 PM

TD

Thank you Jen. He was a great addition wherever he was.

Tammy Dickerson - February 28, 2018 at 03:58 PM

JM

“ *Sending my deepest sympathies to the family. He was my P.E. teacher at North Cedar School 69-70. And to this day I would see him at the store and he would remember my name. He will be missed by many people.*

Jodie mayne - February 26, 2018 at 09:28 PM

TD

Thank you, Jodie. I have met so many of his North Cedar students over time. It always made his day to talk to you all.

Tammy Dickerson - February 28, 2018 at 04:00 PM



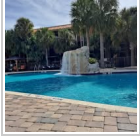
“ *I remember him as a favorite teacher at North Cedar Elementary. He was great!*

Regina Barth-Wroten - February 26, 2018 at 08:32 PM

TD

Thanks for your precious memory, Regina.

Tammy Dickerson - February 28, 2018 at 04:00 PM



“ *Rich came to our school with his AEA work and he always had to stop into the kitchen and see what we had cooking. He especially enjoyed our home made cookies and bread. He will be missed by many and was always smiling and had a story to share. May your Family hold tight to those fond memories.*

Kim Marshall

Kim M - February 26, 2018 at 06:15 PM

SL

Rich was our work experience consultant for many years. I am not sure he knew this but a lot of students and staff felt he looked like Ric Flair, the wrestler. He will be truly missed.

Sandra Lamborn - February 26, 2018 at 07:11 PM

SM

Our deepest sympathies. Sherry and Larry Millang

Sherry and Larry Millang - February 27, 2018 at 03:24 PM

TD

Thank you all for these memories. Yes, the baked goods made his day and he heard the Ric Flair comparison quite often.

Tammy Dickerson - February 28, 2018 at 04:04 PM

KY

“ *Tammy, Anjuli and Chris, our deepest sympathies. Dick will be missed.*

Kim and Jim Young-Kent - February 26, 2018 at 06:13 PM

J.

I remember Richard as a 9-11 year old boy always had a smile. He would come to the farm and stay couple days with us and we had a great time him learning farm life. cousin Jack Mitchell

Jack Mitchell ...Cousin - February 27, 2018 at 06:57 PM

TD

Thank you, Young-Kents. Thank you Jack, he often shared stories about his farm experiences. He would have liked to be a farmer.

Tammy Dickerson - February 28, 2018 at 04:06 PM

DC

The first time I met Dick I knew he was a great guy. In the early years Kathy and I used to go to visit them on weekends and they would come to Harlan. I will miss him.

David T Christensen - March 07, 2018 at 12:32 PM