



## Richard Minikus

August 30, 1943 - January 19, 2012

Cedar Falls- Minikus, Richard "Dutch", 68 of Cedar Falls, died January 19, 2012 at Sartori Memorial Hospital.

He was born August 30, 1943, in Cedar Falls, son of Les and Shirley Padgett Minikus. He married Peggy Freemes Aarhus on December 28, 1968 in Cedar Falls. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era.

He was employed by Cedar Falls Utilities in various departments including gas, tree trimming, and meter reading, retiring in 2004. He is a member of the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49.

Survived by: his wife of Cedar Falls, two sons, Larry Aarhus of Cedar Falls, and Boyd Aarhus, one daughter, Michelle Aarhus of Washington, a grandson, Mike Aarhus of Colorado Springs whom they raised, a brother, Rod (Linda) Minikus of Cedar Falls, a sister, Wanda Bowles of Cedar Falls, and 8 grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: a brother Darold "Whitey" Minikus.

Services: 10:30am Wednesday, at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls with burial in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation from 4-7pm Tuesday at Richardson Funeral Service, 615 Main St. Cedar Falls, and also one hour prior to service at church, the body will not be present. Luncheon will be held following burial at Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49. Memorials may be directed to the family.

# Tribute Wall

PJ

“ *dutch was a life long friend and we had a lot of good conversations together at the maidrite. we are in tx for the winter and really hated to hear of his passing. we are sending our sympathys to the family. he will be missed! paul johnson*

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**paul and jo ann johnson** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

RK

“ *Knowing Dutch was a highlight of working at CFU. He tried to be friends with everyone he met and working with him was a pleasant experience. He was capable, trustworthy, responsible and every bit a good man.*

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**Robert Kulper** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

BA

“ *We never saw eye to eye, when I was a kid all I wanted was your attention and for you to see me do things. As I grew up I learned what hard work was by watching you. I remember coming home on emergency leave when you hax your heart attack and you said Im not deaf yet, why you here. Now that you have passed away I cant make it home even though I wish I could. You will always be the ole man and a hole to me but in my heart I want to say I do love you and will miss seeing you. As the Navy says fair winds and following seas, you were a pretty darn good dad.*

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**Boyd Aarhus** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

PD

“ My deepest sympathies. It was great speaking with Dutch at my dad's (Irvin Van Deest) funeral in August. He had some great stories about the two of them.

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**Pam Van Deest** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

DL

“ sorry to hear about Dutch. He was a good friend to the Petersen family. I remember when my parents( now deceased)would have plumbing issues he was there and when done he would never take a dime,so my mother would bake his favorite pie and try to make him stay for a meal. Dutch was funny and in the younger years a little crazy with the cars and motorcycles. I remember the rides on his Triumph Bonneville bike as I hung on for dear life loving every minute. Sorry I couldn't be there. Dutch I will see you in Heaven. Dennis Petersen (Denny)Broomfield CO.

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**Dennis L.Petersen** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

KB

“ Peggy, So sorry for your lost. My thought and Prayes our with you and your family.

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**Kelly Burdick** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

DH

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Dutch. I will remember his smile and laughter. I did not see him very often, but he always remembered me and greeted me as if we saw each other every day. Many, many people will miss him but we all have good memories of him will last for a lifetime.

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**Debbie Nelson Hickok** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

KM

“ One of the memories I have of Dutch was when my dad (Don Minikus) and him were working on replacing the water heater at my trailer house in Cedar Falls. My dad needed help to replace the 20 gallon water heater which was located under the kitchen sink (it was a 1958 mobile home trailer) and so he had asked Dutch to help him with this project. Once they got started working on the project listening to the two of them work together was too funny. Especially, since the mobile home was really small and neither of them was of a petite build (I stayed out of the way since I would have just added to the tight quarters!). Let's just say it was quite a site but I appreciated them both for what they did that day and I will NEVER forget it! Dutch, you will be missed for your caring personality and sense of humor however; your deep-rooted love for friends/family will always be felt and remembered.

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**Kathryn (Minikus) Meyer** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

SW

“ Peggy and Michelle & Larry & Boyd-  
I am so sorry to here about Dutch. I will always remember the days on Parkway Ave. in Cedar Falls. You two were always so kind to my Mom and Dad. (Hugh & Lou Smith) I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.  
Sue (Smith) Watkins

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**Sue Smith Watkins** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM