

Richard Dean “Dick” Ratliff, son of Ralph Bernard and Mary Elizabeth (Simonton) Ratliff, was born on January 24, 1937, in Clarinda, Iowa. He entered into eternal rest on Sunday morning, February 12, 2023, at Garden View Care Center in Shenandoah, Iowa, at the age of 86 years, 19 days.

His early life was spent growing up in Shenandoah, where he attended the Shenandoah Community Schools, graduating from Shenandoah High School with the Class of 1956. After graduation Dick enlisted in the United States Coast Guard entering active duty on August 28, 1956. He served four years with a one-year extension and then reenlisted for another four years, serving a total of nine years in the Coast Guard. He was honorably discharged on May 4, 1964, with the rank of Seaman E-3. He served on the USCGC Winnebago.

After leaving the Coast Guard, Dick returned to Shenandoah. Dick worked for Mount Arbor Nurseries for nearly 20 years and last worked at Hy-Vee where he made many friends. He retired from Hy-Vee in 2007 when his mother, Mary passed away.

He was a member of the Shenandoah Congregational Church (United Church of Christ Church). Dick was a member of the Nishna Valley Saddle Club. He loved to be around horses and enjoyed riding with his dad. He loved all sports and enjoyed watching them all. He especially liked football and his favorite team he cheered for was the Kansas City Chiefs. He also liked to watch westerns and was a John Wayne fan.

Preceding Dick in death were his parents, Ralph and Mary Ratliff. He is survived by his cousin, Corinne Gilbert of Shenandoah, IA; several other cousins; close neighbors, Bruce and Shelley Anderson; and his Hy-Vee family and friends.

In
Loving Memory

Richard D. “Dick” Ratliff

January 24, 1937 ~ February 12, 2023
86 years, 19 days



GRAVESIDE FUNERAL

11:00 AM, Saturday, February 18, 2023
Rose Hill Cemetery ~ Shenandoah, Iowa
Robert Iske ~ Words of Comfort

MUSIC

“Coast Guard Hymn”
(Semper Paratus)
“Happy Trails”

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Post #88
Shenandoah, Iowa

PLACE OF REST

Rose Hill Cemetery ~ Shenandoah, Iowa

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,

He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23



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