



## Richard Dean "Dick" Mortenson

April 3, 1938 - August 4, 2016

Richard Dean "Dick" Mortenson, 78, of Jewell, passed away Thursday, August 4, 2016 at Bethany Manor in Story City. Funeral services will be 10:30 am Monday, August 8, 2016 at the Jewell United Church of Christ. Burial will be at the Evergreen Cemetery in Jewell. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm on Sunday, August 7 at the church. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Richard and his family. 641-648-7700.

Dick was born April 3, 1938 on the family farm Northeast of Jewell, to Richard C. and Esther (Mechaelsen) Mortenson. Dick attended Jewell Public School, graduating in 1955. He prided himself on graduating in the top 13 of his class. The 1955 graduating class had 13 graduates.

Dick enlisted in the Army in 1958, serving two years, and was honorably discharged in 1960. While on leave in 1959 he met his future wife. He and Kathleen Joyce Severson were married September 4, 1960 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Radcliffe Iowa. Together they lived in Des Moines, Belmond and Mason City, while Dick was employed with various feed and grain businesses. They returned to Jewell in 1969 when Dick accepted a position as assistant manager for Jewell Cooperative Elevator Company.

In 1977 he was able to fulfill a long-time dream of being a full-time farmer, farming until 1990. For a time during that period, Dick took great pride in being

asked to be a part of the Rural Concern Hotline, which aided the financial and emotional wellbeing of farmers during the 1980's farm crisis. After retiring from farming, the family moved back to their home in Jewell, where Dick continued his working years as a carpenter, doing many rebuilding and repair jobs in Jewell and the surrounding area. In his retirement, Dick enjoyed being involved in bettering the community by serving on various committees, including the Jewell City Council. Dick enjoyed spending time with his family, including illegal golf cart rides around town with his granddaughter Katie.

Richard Dean "Dick" Mortenson is survived by two sons, Rick (Amy) Mortenson of Janesville, Iowa and Mike (April) Mortenson of Jewell, Iowa and his granddaughter, Katelyn. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathleen; a daughter, Robyn Christie; his parents, Richard and Esther Mortenson; sister, Sue Cafferty and father and mother-in-law, Curtis and Maxine Severson.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

Jewell, IA 50130

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jewell United Church of Christ  
537 Main Street  
Jewell, IA 50130

## Service

AUG 8. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SE

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to Dick's family. He was a friend to everyone, as were his parents.  
Irv worked with Dick at the Jewell Co-op one year, and his last most enjoyable visit with Dick was at Bethany Manor in December of 2014.  
We have such fond memories of Dick in high school. Always cheerful, always smiling -- as in this photo of him.  
My sisters, Jane and Gretchen were his classmates at Jewell High and I was a sophomore. One autumn evening Dick and other class friends came to a supper at our farmhouse. I recall Dick being his usual humorous self and making Mom laugh.  
Our deepest condolences to the families of Richard D. Mortenson.  
~ Sarah Furman Egeland

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**Sarah Egeland** - August 06, 2016 at 10:58 PM

JU

“ I am sorry that the other half of a great couple is gone. Kathy and Dick were always fun. Dick did have a great sense of humor. Rest in peace Dick. Your cousin, Ron and Judy Elwick

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**Judy** - August 06, 2016 at 11:52 AM

JB

“ Rest in peace, Richard, one of my favorite classmates... Class of 1955, Jewell High School. He was smart and funny! There were only 13 of us in that class. Lots of good memories...

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**Jane Furman Baldus** - August 06, 2016 at 11:33 AM

DB

“ Our condolences to Rick and Michael. We remember Dick and Kathy as such great friends, and we will always remember Dick's wonderful sense of humor. We were honored to have the Mortensons as the first guests after we moved to Jackson in 1988. Sue remembers that Dick commented that he believed that half the citizens of Jackson sold cars to the other half. It is still true today. Lots of good memories. Don and Sue Bryant

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**Don & Sue Bryant** - August 06, 2016 at 07:45 AM

LH

“ As a little girl growing up at the North Gate DX. I will never forget the time Dick came in, I happen to be eating M&M's. Right as I was about to eat a green M&M, Dick said "oh no! Not that one! Look what the green ones did to me!" As he lifted his hat up. I'm sure my eyes got wide to see he had no hair!

*My heart is heavy for the family. Another good ol boy from Jewell has past. But certainly not the last time we will meet.*

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**Lindsay Hoversten** - August 05, 2016 at 06:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Dean "Dick" Mortenson.



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August 05, 2016 at 04:45 PM