



Richard Fisher

May 21, 1933 - November 23, 2018

Richard Fisher, 85, of Marshalltown and formerly of Eldora, passed away Friday, November 23, 2018 at Iowa River Hospice in Marshalltown. Memorial services will be 11:00 AM Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Eldora. Burial will be at a later date at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 PM on Tuesday, November 27 at the church. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Dick and his family.

Richard (Dick) Fisher was born on May 21, 1933 to Harry and Bernadean (Alderman) Fisher in Charles City, Iowa. He graduated from Charles City High School and attended one year at the University of Iowa before being drafted into the U.S. Army. Richard was deployed to Korea where he served as a court reporter in the Judge Advocate division during the Korean Conflict War.

Upon honorable discharge from the Army, he attended Iowa State Teachers College, now the University of Northern Iowa, where he met his wife Florence, a love that lasted a lifetime. The couple were married on June 28, 1958. In June 2018 they celebrated sixty years of marriage.

Dick began his teaching career in Eldora, Iowa in 1963. He was a dedicated teacher, loved the students and expected them to do their best. Mr. Fisher retired after 32 years of teaching in the Eldora-New Providence School

System and then worked part time for Hardin County Abstract and then Fidelity Abstract.

Dick was a member of the First Congregational Church, sang in the choir and served as treasurer for many years. He was active in ENPEA, ISEA and NEA, where he served as delegate. He was also a charter member of the Eldora Lions Club. He enjoyed television and movies, crossword puzzles, scrabble, and attending athletic events of his children and grandchildren. The grandchildren and great grandchildren were the greatest joys for him. Dick was a sports fan who watched every University of Iowa, Iowa State, and University of Northern Iowa event that was televised. Of course, his favorite was the Hawkeyes. Dick loved ice cream and chocolate. One could never eat too much of it either! "You can't buy happiness, but you can buy ice cream, which is basically the same thing."

Dick Fisher is survived by his wife, Florence Fisher of Marshalltown, Iowa; his children, Brenda (James) Ellefson of Marshalltown, Iowa, Greg (Phyllis) Fisher of Ames, Iowa, Ann Maria Terpstra of Central City, Iowa and Timothy (Suzanne) Fisher of Van Meter, Iowa; He seven grandchildren: Sarah (Jacob) Ellefson Groth, Rachel Ellefson, Rich (Shelby) Fisher, Jamie Fisher, Trevor (Treasure) Fisher, Levi Terpstra, and Pilar Fisher; four great grandchildren: Madison Fisher, Emmett Fisher, Gavin and Elsie Groth and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Harry Fisher Jr., and Leo Fisher; sisters-in-law, Jeanne Fisher and Joan Fisher; a son-in-law, Tim Terpstra and nieces: Laurene Turner, Kathy Turner, and Debbie Fisher.

Cemetery Details

Iowa Veterans Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
1209 12th Street
Eldora, IA 50627

Service

NOV 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I didn't have Mr. Fisher as a teacher, but he was our cheerleading sponsor my senior year. I was always amazed that he could turn a cartwheel! It was good to see him now and again when we'd come home to visit and go to church with Mom and Dad. What a nice man and dedicated educator.

Cheryl Kinder Cox - November 28, 2018 at 03:38 PM



“ We are sorry for your loss. As a fellow teacher, I respected Dick's teaching example and the relationship he had with his students! Sending prayers for comfort and peace! Jerry and Anita Wahlstrom

Jerry Wahlstrom - November 28, 2018 at 10:31 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Fisher.



November 27, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of Mr. Fisher. He was my office ed teacher, and he took our office ed class to New Mexico for national contests in which we placed 2nd in the nation. The world has lost a fine person, and he will be missed.

Kay Davison - November 27, 2018 at 05:02 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Richard Fisher.*



November 27, 2018 at 04:56 PM



“ *A great teacher, a wonderful coworker, the best neighbor...Mr. Fisher will always be remembered for his compassion and humor. We was well-loved and will be sincerely missed! Al and Deb Johnson*

deb johnson - November 27, 2018 at 04:14 PM



“ *Rod Turner & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Fisher.*



Rod Turner & Family - November 27, 2018 at 12:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Fisher.*



November 26, 2018 at 09:22 PM

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“ *My sincere condolences - Mr Fisher was my favorite teacher.. He encouraged me and is the main reason I entered the business world. They say a teacher can change your life and he did just that. Many thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Tami Gast- Kohrell

Tami Gast-Kohrell - November 26, 2018 at 07:49 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Fisher.*



November 26, 2018 at 03:31 PM

JR

“ *I remember the days in the halls of Eldora and ENP High School, the humor, the solid support for staff and students that flowed from "Mr. Fisher." I can feel him sitting around the table negotiating for pay and benefits that made Eldora a good place to be a teacher. I will miss knowing he is here. His spirit cannot leave us.*

Jim Riggs - November 26, 2018 at 07:10 AM



“ *I too, have found memories of Mr. Fisher. He was energetic, fair and always engaged me in conversation. Best wishes to his family and friends. He had a good life.*

TA Farmer - November 25, 2018 at 06:09 PM

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“ Dick was a fine neighbor, solid teacher, great mentor, and all around good guy. He will be greatly missed.

Jason Follett - November 25, 2018 at 04:09 PM



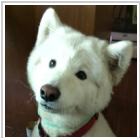
“ Mr. Fisher's costumes for pep assemblies will be in my memories forever!

Lynnae Lathrop - November 25, 2018 at 01:05 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear this! Mr. Fisher was a wonderful teacher!
Lori Roberts

Lori Roberts - November 25, 2018 at 10:27 AM



“ Thank you Richard for all the love you shared with us, your extended family. You were always there for us. It has always been appreciated and you were so loved. And let's not forget your love of birds. You brought smiles and laughs to many faces with your birds. We will miss you so very much.

Joyce Young - November 25, 2018 at 08:58 AM