



## Michael Joseph Dick

April 26, 1951 - March 15, 2019

Michael J. Dick, age 67, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Friday, March 15, 2019 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Lizard Cemetery in Manson. Visitation will take place on Sunday, March 17, 2019 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Michael Joseph Dick, the son of Albert and Dorothy (Blass) Dick, was born on April 26, 1951 in Carroll, Iowa. As an infant, Michael was baptized at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early and later was confirmed. Michael grew up in the Early area and attended grade school at Sacred Heart. He graduated high school from Crestland in 1969. After high school, Michael attended lineman school.

On May 27, 1971, Michael enlisted to serve his country in the United States Army. After his active duty, he served in the Iowa National Guard until he was honorably discharged on July 14, 1978.

On May 10, 1975, he was united in marriage to Jan Vanderhoff in Newell,

Iowa. The couple was blessed with two children, Brenda and Brad.

For 40 years, Michael worked for MidAmerican Energy until his retirement in 2013.

Michael was a member of the Buena Vista County Rifle and Pistol Club and often helped with the kids events. In his free time, he loved spending time with his grandchildren and his family was of the utmost importance to him. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, automotive work, camping, and spending time with his dogs. He always liked to listen to Classic Rock music and taking Jan dancing.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Jan Dick of Storm Lake, Iowa; his children, Brenda (Kevin) Lullmann of Storm Lake, Iowa and Brad (Jaimee) Dick of Spirit Lake, Iowa; sister, Jean (Bert) Martin of Sac City, Iowa; grandchildren: Taylor (fiancée, Jenna Falline) Lullmann; Ashley (Gable) Bonner; Skyler, Isabella, and Samantha Dick; and extended family and friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Dorothy; and his infant sister, Barbara.

Best man I've ever met. Love Jan.

# Cemetery Details

## Lizard Cemetery

32000 620th St.  
Manson, IA 50563

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Memorial Mass

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake  
320 Seneca Street  
Storm Lake, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Joseph Dick*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - March 26, 2019 at 01:12 PM

DL

“ *We always enjoyed seeing Mike at the St. Mary's Girls Ballgames watching his Ashley . He will be missed by so many . Sending Prayers for The Family , Much ❤️ & Angel Hugs . 🥺🙏❤️*



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**Dave & Patti Lange** - March 20, 2019 at 12:42 PM

KT

“ *Mike, what a great guy, I always enjoyed you man, ever since we used to sneak around Schaller and drink a little beer in high school. You were always one of my favorite people, I thoroughly enjoyed our friendship over the last 50 years. God be with you. Kim Triggs*

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**Kim Triggs** - March 19, 2019 at 04:02 PM

KL

“ *Jan Brenda Kevin Taylor Ashley Brad & family! So very sorry to hear about Mike! What a joyful fun loving man! I will remember him fondly and smile!  
God bless you all! Love, kay*

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**Kay Lenhart** - March 18, 2019 at 11:02 PM

PB

“ *I met Mike in high school and immediately enjoyed his great sense of humor and witty attitude. Another great guy that will be missed.  
Later Buddy*

*Phil Beauchemin*



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**Philip Beauchemin** - March 18, 2019 at 08:44 PM

CE

“ *I'll remember Mike in many positive ways-with a big smile and a great sense of humor, always great with a story and always willing to help. Rest in Peace my friend til we meet again.  
Charles D. Erickson*



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**Charles D. Erickson** - March 18, 2019 at 04:20 PM

JK

“ *Dave and I thoroughly enjoyed visiting with Mike and you every time we saw you. He was a wonderful person with a huge heart and a helping hand for anyone who needed it. Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Jan, Brenda, Brad, and family. God bless you! Dave and Juli Kwikkel*

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**Juli and Dave Kwikkel** - March 18, 2019 at 01:05 PM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Dick*



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**John/Connie Demers** - March 18, 2019 at 11:55 AM

PG

“ *A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL. OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO YOU JAN & TO ALL YOUR FAMILY. MAY MIKE RIP.*



*PRAYERS, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE  
STORM LAKE, IOWA*

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**Patty Gunville** - March 18, 2019 at 09:43 AM

BA

“ *Becky Adams lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Dick*



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**Becky Adams** - March 18, 2019 at 09:14 AM

PB

“ Hi Jean,  
*Pat & I were devastated to hear of Mike's passing. While we didn't know Mike that well, over the years we always heard what a good guy he was. We last saw him at our mother's funeral, and he was so friendly and wished us the best. He, indeed, was a good guy. You have our deepest sympathy.*  
*Pat & Gene Blass*

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**Pat Blass** - March 17, 2019 at 08:28 PM

MF

“ So sorry for loss, our thought and prayers are with you all. Gods Blessings.  
*Craig and Mary Farrell.*



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**Mary Farrell** - March 17, 2019 at 07:01 PM

MN

“ I worked with Mike when he was working in the Fort Dodge Area, loved working with and discussing all the joys of planning for retirement. Have lots of fond memories of Mike.  
*Marilyn Napp*



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**Marilyn Napp** - March 17, 2019 at 06:33 PM

BS

“ Remembering a classmate of Crestland 1969. So many fun times were had.

*Becky Hoxie Stoltz*

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**Becky Stoltz** - March 17, 2019 at 04:04 PM

JL

“ *Joe and Robin Leaptrott purchased the White Rose Fireside Basket for the family of Michael Joseph Dick.*



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**Joe and Robin Leaptrott** - March 17, 2019 at 03:55 PM

JL

“ Several years ago Mike bought a Weaver riflescope that I had listed on Ebay. I sent the scope never expecting to see it again or for sure never meet the fellow that bought it. Wasn't to be however. When the scope arrived in Iowa, Mike sent me a rather terse email that he was dissatisfied that I had sent a scope that was less powerful than advertised and I had misrepresented it. Man did I blow hot ! Started typing out a reply as fast as my hunt and peck skills would allow. With the reply ready to go I paused before I hit send. I don't know why. I deleted the reply and slept on it. Next day I sent Mike copies of old Weaver brochures that explained the model designations and wrote maybe it was possible that he might have misunderstood what the model number on the scope meant. Mike sent me another email apologizing for jumping the gun. An Internet friendship was instantly created.

We soon learned that though 1500 miles separated us we had much in common. A shared interest in the gun hobby found emails back and forth with tips and advice about projects we were working on. When one of us added a new gun to the collection the first order of business was a show and tell with each other.

Years went by and one early morning in January four years ago my son Scott passed away. Numbed by grief I reached out to my friend Mike. What a comfort to me when I got his reply. He stayed in touch and wanted details of the service so that his son Brad (stationed in Jacksonville at the time).could attend. My wife, Robin and I met Brad at the service at the National cemetery. How thoughtful and what an effort for him to come. The guy had just had knee surgery and was on crutches.

Summer came and we knew we needed to get away for awhile. Opportunity for shared house with relatives on edge of Yellowstone. We decided to drive and see the country. I told Mike and asked about lodging close to him if we came by for a visit. He would hear none of that. You guys are staying with us!!

Understand that folks from Florida are not 100% positive that people really live in Iowa. Miles and miles of head high corn and then more miles and miles of head high corn greeted us. As we got closer to Mike and Jan`s, Robin remarked, "this is the longest avenue (160th)

*I've ever seen". As we pulled into their driveway saw that head high corn surrounded us on three sides. "Build it and they will come", went through our minds.*

*What awaited was the warmest welcome anyone has a right to receive. Three days with them are now the fondest memories of the trip. Mike and I spent time in his shop working on a couple 22 rifles and did some shooting. How I wished I could have a shop like that in Florida. Jan and Robin made visits to antique shops close by and did some shopping.*

*The days went quickly with great food and conversation and too soon it was time to leave and head west. Both of us resolved that this wouldn't be our last visit. I cannot tell you how much it grieves me that it was. Mike is in Heaven now and with loved ones that passed before. Hope he gets a chance to meet My Scott .*

*I am going to miss My Friend.*

*Joe Leaptrott*

*Neptune Beach,FL*

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**Joe Leaptrott** - March 17, 2019 at 03:36 PM

EL

*Wow!! What an awesome tribute to an awesome couple! 💕💕*

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**ellen** - March 17, 2019 at 10:30 PM

MT

“*Mike was a good man, and it was a pleasure to have spent time with his family. May God grant your family comfort and peace that passes all understanding. Sending our love and prayers. - the Taylor Family*



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**Melodi Taylor** - March 17, 2019 at 01:15 PM

TM

“ I met Mike in 1975 while working for IPS in Sac City . Mike welcomed me to the area . I moved to Waterloo in 1977 and didnt see him in till 1985 while working in Storm Lake for 2 weeks. It sure brought back good memories! I'm so sorry for your lost. May God give you and your family comfort at this time he will be truly missed!  
Tom Manifold Parkersburg Iowa retiree.

**TOM MANIFOLD** - March 17, 2019 at 12:18 PM

AH

“ You will definitely be missed Mike...RIP!



**Arlo Hogrefe** - March 17, 2019 at 11:48 AM

TT

“ Theresa Galbraith Tymeson lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Dick



**Theresa Galbraith Tymeson** - March 17, 2019 at 11:39 AM

PF

“ Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Dick



**Peg Flynn** - March 17, 2019 at 11:02 AM

LP

“ Dear Janis and family--  
So sorry to hear of your loss.  
By all accounts he was a good husband and father.  
My sympathy goes out to you.  
Leo Poppen

Leo C Poppen - March 17, 2019 at 09:54 AM

 Leigh  
Schultz

“ Leigh Schultz lit a candle in memory of  
Michael Joseph Dick



Leigh Schultz - March 16, 2019 at 11:57 PM

VS

“ Vicki Sorbe lit a candle in memory of Michael  
Joseph Dick



Vicki Sorbe - March 16, 2019 at 11:00 PM

JJ

*Lit a candle for him at church. So sorry for your loss Jean*

Jeanne Jones - March 17, 2019 at 05:18 PM

VS

“ Vicki Sprbe lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Dick



Vicki Sprbe - March 16, 2019 at 10:57 PM

JE

“ Our deepest sympathy to you. May God wrap his loving arms around you in the days ahead.



JO ERIE - March 16, 2019 at 09:34 PM

CR

“ Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Dick



connie roche - March 16, 2019 at 08:53 PM

BT

“ Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. God got a great one...he will be missed. Bill and Danis Thompson



Bill and Danis Thompson - March 16, 2019 at 08:01 PM



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 16, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ thoughts and prayers to all families ....mike was one in a million -  
Lisa Deman

lisa deman - March 16, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ Suana Wessendorf lit a candle in memory of  
Michael Joseph Dick



Suana Wessendorf - March 16, 2019 at 03:02 PM



“ Mike will be missed especially his laugh, his  
sence of humor and his little pranks by all  
who had the great fortune to meet and know  
him. His family has been given a very special  
angel in heaven looking over his beloved  
family. Love you all and may your memories give a bit of peace  
each day as you struggle with your loss💙💙💙💙💙💙



Diane Sorbe - March 16, 2019 at 01:40 PM

PA

“ *Peg Anderson lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Dick*



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**Peg Anderson** - March 16, 2019 at 12:52 PM

DT

“ *David & Sandra Taylor lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Dick*



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**David & Sandra Taylor** - March 16, 2019 at 12:50 PM

PK

“ *Paul Kelly lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Dick*



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**Paul Kelly** - March 16, 2019 at 11:47 AM

CF

“ *Our thought and prayers for the family. He was a very nice man.  
Our condolences.  
Craig and Mary Farrell*



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**Craig and Mary Farrell** - March 16, 2019 at 10:28 AM

JH

“ Jason&Shawn Holtgrewe lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Dick



Jason&Shawn Holtgrewe - March 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM

JH

“ Jason&Shawn Holtgrewe lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Dick



Jason&Shawn Holtgrewe - March 16, 2019 at 09:56 AM

PL

“ Wow, what a shock, nicest man I ever met. My condolences to Jan, Brenda, and the whole family!

Pat O' Leary - March 15, 2019 at 11:26 PM

JP

“ Jennifer Peters lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Dick



Jennifer Peters - March 15, 2019 at 09:00 PM

TC

“ Wow.....so soon and so fast.....really enjoyed knowing Mike all of these years. Always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. Someone like him will have alot of people sad and missing him terribly.....but that's because his was a life lived with gusto...so sorry your hearts are broken.

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**Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh** - March 15, 2019 at 05:22 PM

SB

“ I'm sorry for your loss, Mike was a great friend and will be missed



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**Scott Bodholdt** - March 15, 2019 at 05:05 PM

RS

*All my sympathy to Mikes family. I enjoyed knowing Mike and visiting with him. He will be missed by all.*

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**Ruth Sexton** - March 17, 2019 at 04:30 PM