



Richard Cork

March 5, 1951 - April 9, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Richard Cork on Sunday, April 9, 2023. Richard was 72 years old at the time of his passing.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Schaller. Burial will be in the Galva Township East Cemetery. Visitation will take place Friday, April 14, 2023 from 5-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller with an Odd Fellows service to follow. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller is in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established by the family. You may donate by clicking on the following link: <https://everloved.com/life-of/richard-cork/donate/>

Born on March 5, 1951, in Alta, Iowa, he grew up on a farm outside of Galva, Iowa. He met his wife, Florene, at a basketball game between Galva and Newell, and they were married on September 5, 1970. He was a truck driver and later worked at the elevator in Newell while owning and managing the local Dairy Mart. After moving to Schaller, he worked at that elevator for several years until farming with his father, Wilfred. In addition to grain farming, together they had a small dairy herd, while raising hogs and cattle. Before retiring, Richard transitioned to a management support role with IBP/Tyson Foods.

Richard was active in the community. He served as a board member with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) as a past Noble Grand and as an Elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Schaller. Richard achieved the Eagle Scout status in the Boy Scouts of America and was a scout leader for his sons' troops. During this time he obtained the Order of the Arrow, which is the highest achievement in the Boy Scouts. Richard was a former member of Associated Milk Producers Inc. (AMPI) where he was a director who represented the northwest region of Iowa in their annual corporate meetings.

Richard was a loving and devoted husband, great father, fun grandfather and a good friend. He will be remembered as a hard worker, a light-hearted jokester, and hanging out

with his family. Richard loved people and his family can attest that when it came time to leave, he could be found visiting with yet another befriended stranger. Above all, Richard's greatest joy in life was his family. He loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and his great grandchild. He was so very proud of every one of them. He enjoyed playing solitaire, watching Wheel of Fortune, grilling, camping, sitting on the porch swing, making chocolate chip cookies, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Richard is survived by his wife, Florene Cork of Schaller, IA, mother-in-law Wanda Jeppeson of Storm Lake, IA, children Aaron (Michele) Cork of Sioux Falls, SD, Gabriel (Angela) Cork of St. Charles, IA, Caleb (Sara) Cork of Waukee, IA, Nathanael (Ruel) Garcia Cork of Los Angeles, CA, Sarah (Aaron) Jacobson of Schaller, IA, brother Ronald (Vicki) Cork of Papillion, NE, brother-in-law (Donald Ehrp) of Schaller, IA, sister-in-law (Kay Cork) of Ida Grove, IA, sister Deb (Terry) Arter of Wall Lake, IA, sister Donna Sackett of Schaller, IA, brother in-law Ellsworth (Teresa) Jeppeson Jr. of Newell, IA, sister-in-law Sylvia (Lynn) Nelson of Newell, IA, brother in law Elwyn (Char) Jeppeson of Newell, IA, 15 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and many nieces, nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents Wilfred and Marjorie Cork, father-in-law Ellsworth Jeppeson Sr., son-in-law Danny Garcia Cork, brother John Cork, sister Dianne Ehrp, and brothers-in-law Allen Sackett, John Nelson, Lynn Jeppeson and niece Tasha Jeppeson.

Richard's passing is a great loss to his family, friends, and community. We take comfort in the faith and hope that he is now in paradise through the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Rest in peace, Richard Cork. You will be missed and remembered on this earth, until we are reunited with you in heaven.

Cemetery Details

Galva Township East Cemetery --Galva

Galva, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Schaller
306 S Main St
Schaller, IA 51053
(712) 275-4205
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Funeral Service

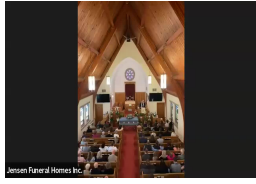
APR 15. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church -- Schaller
100 West 3rd Street
Schaller, IA 51053

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Service Recording



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 15, 2023 at 04:22 PM

CS

“ Rest in peace Richard rest in peace



Charlie “tuna” Schnirring - April 15, 2023 at 12:25 AM

FR

“ Floyd R Richardson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard Cork.



Floyd R Richardson - April 14, 2023 at 05:14 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 14, 2023 at 01:52 PM

RB

“ Rose Baker lit a candle in memory of Richard Cork



Rose Baker - April 14, 2023 at 06:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Cork.*



April 13, 2023 at 10:41 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Cork.*



April 12, 2023 at 06:51 PM

DH

“ *We were glad to know richard and always enjoyed visiting with him at family events. He was a gentle soul. Rest in peace.*

*Larry and Deb Habben
Springfield, mo.*

Debra Habben - April 12, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Florene and the entire family.*



Suana Wessendorf - April 12, 2023 at 03:11 PM

SF

“ *To the Cork Family. Sorry to hear your loss. I spent a lot of time with Richard at the Nelsons and on my visits to Tyson. Sure enjoyed Rich. Sympathy. Steve Frank*

Steven R Frank - April 12, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard Cork.*



April 12, 2023 at 10:02 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Richard Cork.*



April 12, 2023 at 09:55 AM

RC

“ *Losing someone we love is nothing easy, we can realize that we are blessed to have been able to share in his life. My condolences.*



Ruel Casayas Cork - April 12, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Cork.*



April 12, 2023 at 09:54 AM

RW

“ *Ruth Westergaard lit a candle in memory of Richard Cork*



Ruth Westergaard - April 12, 2023 at 06:12 AM

MF

“ He was such a nice guy. Sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.



Marla (Drake) Friedrichsen - April 12, 2023 at 04:39 AM

JC

“ Jeff/Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Richard Cork



Jeff/Jean Chindlund - April 11, 2023 at 06:58 PM

CB

“ Chad, & Cole Bloyer lit a candle in memory of Richard Cork



Chad, Peggy, & Cole Bloyer - April 11, 2023 at 05:17 PM