



## Richard (Dick) Keen

April 4, 1934 - December 8, 2021

Richard (Dick) Keen, age 87, of Storm Lake, Iowa died December 8, 2021 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Private family services will be held at a later date. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Dick was born on a farm in Renwick, Iowa on April 4, 1934 to Martin & Dagny Keen. He was the youngest of five children and he was very proud of his Norwegian heritage. He attended elementary school in Thor, Iowa and graduated from Eagle Grove High School in 1952.

On June 27, 1954, Dick married the love of his life, Beverly Severson, in Thor, Iowa. They were blessed with five children, 2 sons and 3 daughters. They lived in Humboldt, Iowa until 1964 when Dick joined the Iowa Department of Transportation as a weight officer. He transferred to West Union, Iowa for two years and was promoted to sergeant at which time he and his family moved to Storm Lake, Iowa where he lived for the remainder of his life. At the time of his retirement from the DOT after 32 years, Dick was an investigator in the motor vehicle division.

Dick and Bev were members of Saint Mark's Lutheran Church since 1966. Dick was very active in his church and community serving on many boards

and committees. He served as a project coordinator for several Habitat for Humanity homes in Storm Lake. He was involved in the Meals on Wheels program and was also a 50+ year Mason. He also enjoyed bowling in league for many years. Dick was an avid woodworker and a self-taught craftsman and made many beautiful pieces for family and friends. He took pride in completely restoring his beloved Buick Wildcat convertible so he could give rides to his many grandchildren.

Dick is survived by his wife, Beverly; sons: Daniel Keen (Evelyn); Paul Keen (Shawn) daughters: Brenda Otto (Ed), Jennifer Thompson, and Sarah Post (Geoff). He was blessed with 15 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, two sisters and many nieces and nephews. Dick had friends in all realms of life, including many that he met through his work.

Dick's life legacy is his extended family of forty-eight. He often said, "I am not a wealthy man, but I am the richest man in the world." He was so loved and will be missed by many.

# Tribute Wall

HS

“ So sorry to hear about your father’s passing , he was a super nice person , and will be missed by many ! With deepest sympathies ,  
Howard and Kathy Schultze

Howard Schultze - December 25, 2021 at 02:12 PM

BE

“ Barbara Downing Evans lit a candle in  
memory of Richard (Dick) Keen



Barbara Downing Evans - December 14, 2021 at 02:17 PM

MP

“ Keen Family-so sorry for your loss. Dick was such a nice guy with  
mischief in his eyes! We were blessed to know him and his amazing  
family. Thanks for sharing him with us!  
Denny and Mindy Pyle

Mindy Pyle - December 13, 2021 at 01:57 PM

SL

“ DICK COULD MAKE ME LAUGH AND KEEP ME LAUGHING AT  
TIMES. MY LASTING SWEET MEMORY OF HIM IS THAT WHEN I  
GOT TO VISIT HIM BRIEFLY LAST OCT., WHEN I HAD TO LEAVE  
HIS BEDSIDE, WE EXCHANGED HUGS AND I LOVE YOU. I'VE  
NEVER MET A COUPLE MORE DEVOTED TO EACH OTHER  
THAN DICK AND BEV, A MARRIAGE TRULY MADE IN HEAVEN.  
SISTER SHERYL

Sheryl Lundien - December 10, 2021 at 10:05 PM

BT

“ *Bob & Connie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Richard (Dick) Keen*



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**Bob & Connie Taylor** - December 10, 2021 at 05:01 PM

JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Richard (Dick) Keen*



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**John and Connie Demers** - December 10, 2021 at 08:21 AM

PM

“ *Heartfelt sympathy your entire family. Dick was such a loving, kind man and will be missed by everyone who knew him. Keep those wonderful memories of your time spent together tucked inside your heart. Hugs and prayers. 🙏❤️ Don & Pam McClannahan*

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**pam mcclannahan** - December 10, 2021 at 12:46 AM



“ So many happy memories! Dick, you always let your family know how much you loved them. We all knew you would worry when we were traveling, so we had to call when we arrived home safely! Your grandkids and greats were your pride and joy, and they all loved you back. Thank you for being such a wonderful example for us all. "You have fought the good fight and you have finished the race." I'm sure your parents and your brothers and sisters are celebrating your homecoming in heaven.



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**Becky Keen** - December 09, 2021 at 08:18 PM

JS

“ Sorry to hear the news. Dick was a great neighbor and friend.

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**Jim Shima** - December 09, 2021 at 04:27 PM

TC

“ Tim And Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Richard (Dick) Keen



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**Tim and Pegi Cavanaugh** - December 09, 2021 at 10:10 AM

Leigh Schultz

“ Leigh Schultz lit a candle in memory of Richard (Dick) Keen



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**Leigh Schultz** - December 09, 2021 at 08:31 AM

DH

“ Duane / Eldona Hornor lit a candle in memory of Richard (Dick) Keen



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**Duane / Eldona Hornor** - December 08, 2021 at 11:30 PM

PB

“ Pat Barnett sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard (Dick) Keen



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**Pat Barnett** - December 08, 2021 at 08:49 PM

MJ

“ Mike And Shelly Jensen lit a candle in memory of Richard (Dick) Keen



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**Mike and Shelly Jensen** - December 08, 2021 at 08:09 PM

SM

“ RIP Dick we know there are Buick Wild Cats where your going.

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**Steph/Sharon Mickelson** - December 08, 2021 at 07:10 PM

SM

“ *Steph/Sharon Mickelson lit a candle in memory of Richard (Dick) Keen*



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**Steph/Sharon Mickelson** - December 08, 2021 at 07:07 PM

BH

“ *Bill & Lynette Halder lit a candle in memory of Richard (Dick) Keen*



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**Bill & Lynette Halder** - December 08, 2021 at 04:21 PM

PR

“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He was a kind, gentleman who always had a kind word to say whenever I saw him and always a smile. Bev and family, Steve and I will keep you in our prayers!*

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**Peg Rohlk** - December 08, 2021 at 02:39 PM