



Richard "Dick" Carlyle Guckeen

February 12, 1938 - March 4, 2016

Richard "Dick" C. Guckeen, 78, of Austin, Minnesota, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota, Friday, March 4, 2016 surrounded by his family.

Richard Carlyle Guckeen was born Feb 12, 1938 in Austin, Minnesota to Lawrence and Margaret (Mayer) Guckeen. He attended school in Austin and graduated from Austin High School in 1955. On June 4, 1982 Dick married Julie Munson at Crane Chapel in Austin, Minnesota.

Dick worked for the Mower County Highway Department for 33 years and Austin Cab and Ambulance for 37 years as an EMT. He volunteered for over 30 years at the Mower County Chapter American Red Cross, where, with Gerald Dimit and Norman Sollie, started the local CPR training program. The trio received the Mower County Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award in 1986. Dick received the National Merit Award, the highest honor for saving a life, from the Mower County Chapter. He also worked for a short time at the Austin Daily Herald.

Dick loved being around people, especially when it involved helping others. Model railroading was a passion of his. Since retiring he kept busy golfing, bowling at Echo Lanes and playing cards at the Mower County Senior Center. He enjoyed his morning breakfasts with the crew at McDonald's and was a regular at Kenny's Oak Grill. Those were times he didn't like to miss. He truly loved volunteering at Austin Medical Center, working at the front desk, escorting patients, gathering wheelchairs, greeting and helping those entering the Clinic. He greeted everyone with a smile.

Dick touched the lives of many in Austin but always felt as if he was the one who was touched.

Dick is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Julie Guckeen of Austin; son: Jeff Guckeen of Minneapolis; brother: Steve (Joan) Guckeen of Champlin, Minnesota; mother-in-law: Shirley Munson of Hollandale; sisters-in-law: Cheryl (Rich) Howard of Hollandale,

Minnesota and Linda (Jeff) Mullenbach of Glencoe, Minnesota; cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Friends and family may visit from 4 to 7 pm on Friday, March 11, 2016 at Mayer Funeral Home, 600 2nd St. NW, Austin, Minnesota and after the service at the luncheon. The Celebration of Dick's life will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1600 West Oakland Avenue, Austin, Minnesota with Pastor Karen Behling officiating. Celebration arrangements are entrusted to Mayer Funeral Home. The family prefers memorials.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Mayer Funeral Home - March 11, 2016 at 04:24 PM



“ Dear Julie and Guckeen family,

I just read the obituary for Dick and remembered him with his quick smile and helpful attitude. I also remember him at CPR training and what a help to the community he was in that role.

Julie, I still remember the two of you at Crane Chapel. I so enjoyed your smiling faces there on Sundays.

Please accept my sympathy for your loss.

Dianne Shaw-Cummins

Dianne Shaw-Cummins - March 18, 2016 at 01:09 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Dick's wife and family. I was manager at the golf course and became very good friends with Dick. He always had a smile on his face and so pleasant to talk to. He always took time to buy a homemade bar for the love of his life. He was a pretty special person. Wish I would have seen his death notice sooner, I would have attended his services. I know he will be greatly missed by many!
Dave and Arlene Church

Dave & Arlene Church - March 13, 2016 at 07:10 PM



“ We were not personal friends, but we knew whenever we would meet there would be a of concern. smile and thoughtful expression. He touched our lives and we were blessed.

Donald and Louise Barnes

flouisebarnes - March 10, 2016 at 01:44 PM



“ Julie,

Neal and I would like to send our deepest sympathy, prayers and hugs. Dick was a true gentleman and it was clear he deeply loved you. Heaven has gained a wonderful angel.

Our love, Neal and Renae Ronquist

Renae Ronquist - March 10, 2016 at 10:02 AM



“ When I lost vision and could no more drive myself to newspaper assignments, Richard “Dick” Guckeen was one of several people, who came to my aid. He never said “No’ when a favor was asked. Saint Peter is going to have some valuable help in Heaven when this fine man arrives. – Lee Bonorden

lee bonorden - March 09, 2016 at 05:57 PM



“ Dick was such a kind man he will be sadly missed! R.I.P. Dick. Love Jody Hogstad

Jody Hogstad - March 09, 2016 at 02:27 PM



“ Back in the 1960's, Dick was an important "member" of our family. My parents owned and operated Mark's Roller Rink in Brownsdale, and Dick was there regularly and also drove the bus for them to pick up skaters in Austin to take them to Brownsdale. They could always depend upon Dick to be there to help out. My mother had such a soft spot in her heart for Dick who was always so helpful to her. He will always be remembered as a very kind and pleasant man. We were blessed to have known him.

Joanne Staples MacVey - March 09, 2016 at 09:00 AM



“ Randi and Steve Hill purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Richard "Dick" Carlyle Guckeen.





“ He was a Grandpa to everyone here. Always having candy in his pocket and a kind word in his heart. He will be highly missed. We are all blessed to have him in our lives.

Nellie - March 08, 2016 at 12:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Carlyle Guckeen.



March 08, 2016 at 10:28 AM



“ What a kind pleasant man. I am thinking about you Julie, I hope your many memories with Dick will comfort you and ease your sadness. You both were such good friends of my parents. Take care, Vicky Wiechmann

Vicky Wiechmann - March 07, 2016 at 02:07 PM



“ Dear Julie and family, The Class of 1979 would like to extend our sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time. Many classmates both near and far have posted on our class page their thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Your classmates that are in the Austin area are there to support you during this time now and always. Take care, Ellen Vedder Kruger and classmates.

Ellen Kruger - March 07, 2016 at 10:55 AM



“ Dick's face was one of those that didn't escape any employee (or patient!) of Mayo Clinic Health System in Austin...whether it was just a stop at the desk for a quick 'hello', retrieving a wheelchair or distributing one of his trademark Werthers, he touched everyone with his smiling demeanor and kind words. He will be so sorely missed...we were blessed to know him for the time we had...Sincere Condolences. Gretchen Voogd

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Clinic Registration

Gretchen Voogd - March 06, 2016 at 07:19 PM



“ I've known Dick since we were kids. We played together in our old Eastside area. So I've known him for many years. I worked the emergency room for years and Dick was with the ambulance crew so I saw him often. He was always a great help. I saw him at the front desk at the hospital the other day and he greeted me as always. He was a delightful guy and will be missed by many! God bless his soul. My sympathy to his family.

Mary Ator Mueller - March 06, 2016 at 06:43 PM



“ We are so very, very sorry for your loss, Julie. Dick was a fantastic person, inside and out. John and I moved into our house April of 1999, Dick and Julie were our new neighbors. We didn't realize that they would turn out to be the BEST neighbors ever! From shoveling, mowing and even watching our dog, Hobo, they both stepped up to the task. Dick thought it was so great to take care of our dog, Hobo would fly up their back steps and into the house, right to the cupboard that held the snacks! We would hear stories about the "fertilizer convention" at Kenny's, how much poker cost him in dimes, bowling scores and ride alongs at night to check signs and road paint. Spring, summer and fall, if it were a nice night the four of us would sit in the back yard and chat. Or have quick chats on our front steps. Dick was a sweet, sweet person, quick with a smile and wave. He would lend a helping hand to any one. He loved a good joke, and had a whip fast wit. Often we would go out to dinner, he'd tell the waitress to give him the bill. That was the kind of man he was, thoughtful, giving and kind. We will always remember Dick as a wonderful, generous, loving, helpful, kindhearted person. We are blessed to have known him, and we will miss him! Julie, you and your families are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, Mary and John Guilfoyle (Josie too)

Mary Guilfoyle - March 06, 2016 at 12:32 PM



“ There are so many memories from all the runs we had together and the hours we put in at the B & E, we will never forget him. You will be missed Dick.

Deb Simon - March 06, 2016 at 04:29 AM



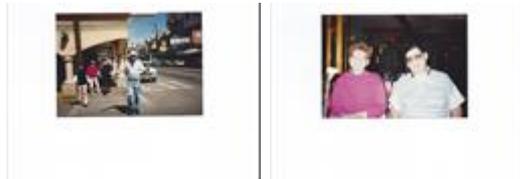
“ Julie,
I am so sorry for the loss of Dick. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, Adyth



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Ardyth Arnston - March 05, 2016 at 03:44 PM



“ Dear Julie,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time and in the days to come. I have many fond memories of Dick as being a very close friend of yours even though we live miles apart.

Love,
Muriel Davis



Muriel Davis - March 05, 2016 at 02:27 PM