



W. Richard "Dick" Dunlavy

August 27, 1932 - July 20, 2015

William Richard "Dick" Dunlavy, age 82, of Belknap, was born August 27, 1932, the son of Ralph E. and Lily (Laughridge) Dunlavy in Bloomfield, Iowa. He passed away quietly at his home while in hospice care early Monday morning, July 20, 2015. Dick lived his entire life in the Belknap area and graduated high school from the Bloomfield Community High School in 1950. He was married to Violet Rose on June 18, 1957 at the Christian Church in Drakesville, Iowa. They celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary in June. To this union, four children were born, Katherine, Carol, Danny and Gary.

He spent his adult life farming and driving a school bus for the Davis County Community School District. Dick drove the bus for 32 years and was proud to have driven for three different generations of area families. He loved horses, WWE wrestling, and the Hawkeyes.

He is survived by his wife, Violet of Belknap; two daughters, Katherine "Kathy" (John) Schmidt of Norwalk and Carol Dunlavy (and her fiancé, David Carothers), of Oskaloosa; two sons, Danny (Mary) Dunlavy of Belknap and Gary (Trudi) Dunlavy of Bloomfield; ten grandchildren, Paul and Jason Schmidt, Stephanie (Matt) Vasquez, Makayla Dunlavy, Sullivan Dunlavy, Sheridan Dunlavy, Nathaniel (Christina) Dunlavy, Zachary (Holly) Dunlavy, Cameron (Cassie) Dunlavy and TaNisha Dunlavy; great-grandchildren, Trysten, Owen, Tatum, Ainslee, Rylee, Layton, Madison and Gannon, and two

more on the way; a sister, Martha Stephenson of Belknap; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Bert Dunlavy, a sister, Mary Orman, and an infant brother and sister.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated memorials to either Good Samaritan Society Hospice of Ottumwa or Davis County Dollars for Scholars.

Cemetery Details

IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Services

JUL 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wagler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of W. Richard "Dick" Dunlavy*



Wagler Funeral Home - July 22, 2015 at 02:20 PM

DS

What beautiful memories!!! I didn't know until today about Dick's passing. Sorry I wasn't there for the funeral.

Debbie Saner - July 26, 2015 at 09:47 PM



“ *W. Richard "Dick" Dunlavy*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM

KB

“ *Kathy Breeding lit a candle in memory of W. Richard "Dick" Dunlavy*

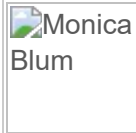


Kathy Breeding - July 29, 2015 at 07:15 PM

KB

Violet and family so very sorry for your loss! May you find comfort knowing he is in good hands.

Kathy Breeding - July 29, 2015 at 07:20 PM



“ *Monica Blum lit a candle in memory of W. Richard "Dick" Dunlavy*



Monica Blum - July 27, 2015 at 09:47 PM



Best best driver ever. I will never forget when I fell asleep on the bus and he found me at the end of the route.

Monica Blum - July 27, 2015 at 09:48 PM



I remember he always checked the Rail Road Crossings carefully....He was my 1st Bus Driver too.. Ann Ogden Biggs.

Ann Biggs - July 27, 2015 at 09:54 PM



“ *Dick Dunlavy was my bus driver when I was a kid. He was one of the best drivers around, putting up with us, a bunch of smart alec monkeys, and always having a quip to respond to our queries. I remember one time he was commenting on our longish hair styles, back in the Beatles era..... Dick told me, " you can't have hair and brains at the same time...".... I always chuckle at that line..*

Thomas C Upton - July 27, 2015 at 09:04 PM



“ *Best bus driver and neighbor ever!!! Debbie Fuller Saner*

Debbie Saner - July 26, 2015 at 09:39 PM

MD

“ My deepest condolences to Violet and family. Always appreciated Richard as a good friend, and glad to have spoken to you at the pancake breakfast on the 4th. May you find courage and strength for the difficult days ahead in the comfort of God's love. love and prayers, Marilyn Downing

Marilyn Downing - July 24, 2015 at 10:02 AM

DL

“ DEBBIE LOUDERBACK lit a candle in memory of W. Richard "Dick" Dunlavy



DEBBIE LOUDERBACK - July 24, 2015 at 12:27 AM

DR

“ Dixie Ryun lit a candle in memory of W. Richard "Dick" Dunlavy



Dixie Ryun - July 23, 2015 at 08:46 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of W. Richard "Dick" Dunlavy.



July 22, 2015 at 04:09 PM

ST

“ Violet & Family -- so very, very sorry for you loss. God bless and comfort you during this difficult time. Love you always. Sally Tedrow

Sally A. Tedrow - July 21, 2015 at 12:04 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of W. Richard "Dick" Dunlavy.



July 21, 2015 at 11:57 AM

DD

“ Dana Day lit a candle in memory of W. Richard "Dick" Dunlavy



Dana Day - July 21, 2015 at 11:01 AM

GP

“ GAIL PADGET lit a candle in memory of W. Richard "Dick" Dunlavy



GAIL PADGET - July 21, 2015 at 10:39 AM

DP

“ *DIANE PADGET lit a candle in memory of W. Richard "Dick" Dunlavy*



DIANE PADGET - July 21, 2015 at 10:37 AM

TS

“ *Richard aka Unc as I called him was my great uncle. I have so many fond memories of him as a little girl. Us kids always got a kick Everytime he popped out his dentures. Aunt violet and everyone you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Rip Unc you will not be forgotten. Tonya mikayla and Mackinzie Lafarr*

tonya stephenson-lafarr - July 21, 2015 at 09:08 AM



“ *Oh my loads of memories. When in school when I would go home and they had taken mom to hospital and I didn't know it when went in to empty house fear would enter and always ran to Dick and violets. Like I said many memories.*

Mable Morrow Eickmeier - July 20, 2015 at 10:12 PM

VT

“ *He was the greatest Brother-in-law ever. Never complained when he and Violet had to take me along on their dates because Mom insisted they needed a chaperone. Must have done a good job as they were married all those wonderful years. God Bless you, Dick. You are free at last and in His arms.*

Velma Teske - July 20, 2015 at 09:16 PM

SM

“ Dick was a very kind man. He drove many of my preschool students to the classroom by the pool. He was always so pleasant and he cared about each student who rode his bus. He was a definite asset to our school district.

Sharon Moritz - July 20, 2015 at 09:13 PM

BP

“ Dick was a great man! So glad I had the opportunity to meet him! He was loved by many and will be greatly missed! Thinking of you all during this difficult time.

Brandon and Teagan Padget



Brandon and Teagan Padget - July 20, 2015 at 08:13 PM

SO

“ Steve O'Grady lit a candle in memory of W. Richard "Dick" Dunlavy



Steve O'Grady - July 20, 2015 at 06:13 PM

SO

God Bless you folks. Dick will be missed. May the Good Lord help you to heal in this time of need.

Steve O'Grady - July 20, 2015 at 06:14 PM

TS

“ I remember as a little boy working at the barn when he taught me what a "go fer "was.

tim stephenson - July 20, 2015 at 06:06 PM

GM

“ So sorry for your loss. Dick was a great guy growing up in Belknap. Always had a pony for us to ride, was a great bus driver and even taught me a curse word or two. Lots of hours on the hay wagon also. Prayers with the family, he will be missed.

Gary Mathews - July 20, 2015 at 05:43 PM

 Vicki Morrow

So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He was such a good friend to Larry and I was very glad Dick and Violet were able to say goodbye to Larry right before he passed. Love and prayers for you all.

Vicki Morrow - July 20, 2015 at 06:47 PM

DE

Violet and family this is the time to share all the good times you have had with Dick. Spent many trips to Ottumwa after we younger boys pooled our money for A&W root beer, it was passed around until the jug was empty. We also spent many hours following his coon hounds and bailing hay for Bill Cree and Roy Hunt and others in the area. Violet I wish I could be with you at this time but I am having some health problems at this time but I know our Farther in Heaven is with you I know for sure. I have thought of you great people many times..

Delbert L. Eakins Le Grand Iowa

Delbert I. Eakins - July 20, 2015 at 07:12 PM

KH

Our sympathies to all in the Dunlavy family. We didn't know Richard, but know that he and Violet raised a great family. Thinking of you Gary, Dunk and all. Kathy & Ira Hartwick

Kathy Hartwick - July 21, 2015 at 01:17 PM

BM

Violet & Families, So So Sorry for your loss, Remembered Dick as a bus driver, didn't know him to well, When he was up to Uncle Darrell's, or when I was up to Mable & Kenny Samples or going with Mable somewhere, and we would stop an talk to you and Dick. May GOD be with you & Comfort you. Barb. Meredith (Tom & Mary Meredith daughter)

Barbie Meredith - July 23, 2015 at 03:30 PM

NT

My sympathies go to your family. Guess I knew Dan, Gary and Violet the most; but remember Dick as being a nice, friendly fella in our community! May you find strength in the memories you have of your dad, hubby, grandpa, etc.

Nancy Teubel - August 03, 2015 at 10:49 PM