



Richard "Dick" Grayson

March 21, 1943 - December 25, 2017

Richard Dale "Dick" Grayson, 74 of Esko died Monday, December 25, 2017 in his home with his wife by his side. Dick was born on March 21, 1943 in Braham, Minnesota to Ernest and Ruth Grayson. He graduated from Braham High School in 1961 and UMD in 1965 with a Bachelor's degree in Business. In 1966 Richard married Linda Schubitzke in Duluth.

Dick was a member of the Minnesota Air National Guard, 148th Fighter Wing from 1965 to 2001, retiring as a Colonel. He worked for Travelers Insurance as an adjuster from 1966 to 1991, and as an insurance agent at Century Insurance and C.A. Gray Insurance from 1991 to 2004.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Esko, the American Legion, AMVETS, NGAUS, Air Force Association and CPCU Society. He loved flying airplanes and building hotrods.

Dick and Linda enjoyed spending six months a year in Minnesota and six months a year in Florida.

Dick especially loved attending grandkids sporting events and he never missed an air guard function.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Jerry Grayson.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Linda of Esko; son, Curt (Sheri) of Esko; daughter, Jodi (Jake Fielstra) Grayson of Esko; grandchildren, Logan, Sydney, Caden, and Raegan Grayson, and Kailee, Deegan and Tallon Kiminski; sisters-in-law, Bev Grayson of Medford, Minnesota and Lorene (Harvey) Dammer of Hermantown; and brother-in-law, Ed (Cindy) Schubitzke of Saginaw.

Visitation: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 28, 2017 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Esko. Visitation will continue from 2:00 p.m. until the 3:00 p.m. Memorial Service, Friday, December 29, 2017 also in the church.

Memorials can be made to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church or Amie Muller Foundation in support of pancreatic cancer research. Arrangements entrusted to Atkins-Northland Funeral Home, 801 14th Street, Cloquet. To sign the guest book and leave an online tribute, see www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ 16 files added to the album New Album



Atkins-Northland Funeral Home and Cremation Service - April 03, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ 16 files added to the album Dick



Atkins-Northland Funeral Home and Cremation Service - April 03, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ Linda, Curt , Jodi and family,

Very sorry to hear of Dick's passing. While I knew him at the 148th, enjoyed getting to know him and Linda better while at guard conferences together. Always a positive and extremely friendly guy, he will be missed.

Brian and Jessica Winter

January 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. May the Lord help you in this time of sorrow.
Know that many feel your pain.

January 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Linda and family,
please accept our deepest sympathies, dick was a great guy , his smile will never fade.
our kindest thoughts, butch and diane forsell

December 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Linda, we are so saddened, by the passing of Dick. My parents, Sue & Spike Lowinski, had many fond memories with you and Dick.
I Kim Lowinski Mullen, Loved both of you, since I was a little girl, who always told Dick, where's my Corvette .He will forever be my uncle, and Linda you as my Aunt. Dick could walk in a very quiet Room and his smile and personality, just lite the room, with happiness and much laughter. Dick will forever, hold a special place in my heart. You and my Dad are probably causing some mischief up there. Much blessings to you, Aunt Linda

Blue Collection - December 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ We are saddened to hear of Dick's loss. He was always so upbeat when I saw him. The excitement he had while showing and telling me about the history of his new Corvette was amazing!! He will be missed!

Fester and Family

Blue Collection - December 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dick was an old basketball buddy at the Duluth YMCA in the 70s-80s, and a good person to touch base with at the MNNG convention.
I am so sorry for your family's loss, but I know that you have many, many good memories of a wonderful person.
Stan R of Coon Rapids

December 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Sending prayers and love to our friends. I lived by the Grayson family for all my growing up years. Dad Dick Duzan sends his prayers and sadness on his friends passing. May you find comfort in the Lord and your family and friends.
Nancy Duzan From

Candle of Memories - December 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dick was a good friend of mine. I have many good memories of him . I was in the air guard and In the Duluth Adjusters Association with him. I always will remember him. God Bless Dick. Chuck Tenlen

December 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Linda and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. May the great memories Dick left behind help carry you through this difficult time. Your in my thought and prayers. Much love, Angel

Forget Me Nots - December 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Romelle and I were deeply saddened when we heard of Dick's passing. Will always cherish the time spent working with Dick at the Air Guard base and attending military events after retirement. We always looked forward to seeing his big smile and positive attitude on everything. There was no greater supporter of the Air Guard than Dick, a true Patriot that will be greatly missed by all. Paul and Romelle Cummings.

December 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Linda and family
We are deeply sorry to hear about Dick, our thoughts and prayers are with you in this sensitive time of your lives.
Wishing you peace and serenity
Dick Lombardi and Dawn

Blue Remembrance - December 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He and I were neighbors and friends growing up in Braham. Dick always had a positive attitude, and had a great smile and laugh. He will be missed by all that knew him. Jack Hegstrom



“ Dick was such a happy and smiling guy. He loved his family and loved his cars and flying. He always had some stories. When you hadn't seen him in months and he came down here to FL, it was always like you just talked to him yesterday. In the last couple of weeks, Dick was sitting in his carport visiting with someone. Dick made it a point to say 'Hello' as I walked by with the puppies, always friendly and outgoing with never a mean thing to say about anyone. He loved and appreciated the surprise completion of his car restoration and drove it proudly. Just know that he was liked by many and we will miss him and cherish our memories of him. RIP, Dick, no more suffering.

������������

December 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ We only meet Uncle Dick one time but that is all it took and it felt like we had known him forever. We were at his nephew's (Tim Grayson) home in Medford MN. It was on a Saturday night and we were having a bonfire - which we normally did. Dick and Linda were there visiting, we sat by the fire for hours listening to so many stories of Dick's love for cars, grandkids and their home in Florida. He left a lasting impression on us both that we will never forget. Rest in peace our friend

Your friends
Matthew and Lisa Buecksler
Matthew and Lisa Buecksler

Dove - December 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Linda and family I am so sorry to see of your loss. I was so glad he hunted me down last summer to show me his "VET" Sending a big hug
We had such good times at Travelers-and many laughs.

Donna

December 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Curt and family, I am so sorry for your loss. We will miss seeing him at the softball games.

December 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Sandy (St. Marie) Gunnarson

December 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept our sincere thoughts and hopes that you are thinking of the many smiles Dick shared and created over the years. No matter where or when we saw Dick (and Linda), we always enjoyed his great smile and something positive that he'd have to say. I must say the last time I saw that amazing smile was in Hoyt Lakes after he was surprised with his re-furbished car ... what a great family you are and what a wonderful gift you gave him at a perfect time!!
Please accept our sympathies and keep thinking about the love and smiles each of you have brought to him,
The Engen family

December 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So shocked to see hear about Dick. A wonderful man. I'll think of him everytime I see a corvette. Thoughts and prayers are with you.
Frank Olsen

December 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Linda and Family. Dick has always been a good friend although we lived far apart and didn't see each other very often. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time... Dennis & Jo Terwey

Sunshine - December 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Linda, Curt, Jodi, and the rest of the Grayson family,
Dick was one of the best human beings I've ever had the privilege to know. He was always positive, always had a smile on his face, and was one of those people you just liked to be around. I will miss him, and I know he is in a better place.
With sincerest thoughts and prayers,
Auger and Family

Candle of Memories - December 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Dick was a wonderful man, and will be missed! Covering you all with love, hugs, and prayers.

December 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM