



Phillip Richard "Dick" Eastman

December 18, 1941 - August 21, 2015

Phillip Richard "Dick" Eastman, 73, a long-time resident of Grenola, KS, was welcomed home by Jesus on August 21, 2015. He died peacefully at home surrounded by his family. He had carcinoma of the thymus.

Dick was born in December of 1941 to William and Leah (Wells) Eastman. As a youth growing up in Grenola, Dick and was active in sports, 4-H Club, and the Grenola United Methodist Church. He and his five siblings were an active part of family farm life. After graduating from Grenola High School in 1959, Dick enjoyed working on a farm near Ness City, Kansas. Dick married the love of his life, Marjorie Vaughn, on April 21st, 1962 in Ellicott City Maryland. They began their life together in Kansas after the wedding. After living in McPherson, Minneapolis, Towanda, and El Dorado, Dick and Marjorie moved to the family farm in 1975. He remained there until his death.

Dick graduated from McPherson College in 1966 with degrees in Chemistry and Biology. After teaching high school Chemistry and Physics for two years, he began his career as a Chemical Analyst at Skelly Oil Refinery. Dick developed many lifelong friendships at work. He retired from the refinery in 2009 after 42 years of service.

Dick was an active & faithful member the Grenola United Methodist Church. He loved his family, all things related to agriculture, country living, and winning at cards. He celebrated 53 years of marriage with his wife, Marjorie. He

maintained his playful sense of humor even in his last days. He loved his grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them fishing, going for tractor rides, telling stories, and celebrating their milestones.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert "Bob" Eastman, and infant sister, Jeanette. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie, of the home; son, Brit "BT" of Coffeyville; daughter, Jennifer (Ghassan) of Sacramento; and, daughter Julie (Tim) of Overland Park. His grandchildren: Taylor, Bradley, Grace, Jack, Natalie, Madeline, and Chloe. Other survivors include his brother Bill (Beulah) of Haysville; sister Ann, Wichita; twin brother, Ben "Mick" (Marcita) of Sacramento; and brother, Jim (Carolyn) of Augusta, and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be Saturday, August 29th at 10:30 AM at the Grenola United Methodist Church. Visitation will be at 9:30 am on the 29th preceding the service. Burial will follow after the service at Greenlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials may be made via the funeral home to the Salvation Army or the Grenola United Methodist Church Local Missions Fund and may be left with or mailed to P.O. Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Grenola, KS 67346

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Grenola United Methodist Church
N Elm St & West Oak St
Grenola, KS 67346

Service

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Tribute Wall

GB

“ Greg, Sarah and Brendan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Phillip Richard "Dick" Eastman.



Greg, Sarah and Brendan - August 28, 2015 at 04:23 PM

RT

“ I am absolutely heartbroken. To the entire Eastman family, please accept my deepest and most sincere condolences. Shortly after I came to work at the refinery in 1996 I was introduced to a few card games by Dick. I quickly learned the passion that Dick had for winning at card games. I can still hear today, the words that would often come through the phone line at the beginning of my night shifts "It's your deal" and "Get your crying towel & get over here" followed by the sound of him hanging up the phone before I could respond. In my 19 years of working at the refinery, the years that I spent playing cards and visiting with Dick in the break room at the lab are some of my most cherished memories. May the lord bless your family during this time of sorrow and lift you up, for you have truly been apart of something special. I will truly miss him, and I do have my crying towel today.

Rock Thompson - August 28, 2015 at 02:39 PM

GB

“ There's not enough room or time to "memorialize" my Uncle Dick, who was an official uncle but actually a brother in the way he "loved" us. It must have been an Eastman rite of passage to convince your very young neice & nephew to go "snipe" hunting. I believe Uncle Dick was the head organizer but his other 2 "assistants" didn't hesitate to take Vic & I to a very dark farm road with gunny sacks in hand.. We were to stay there (in the dark) at the end of the road with open sacks while they chased the "snipes" to us. It didn't take very long for us to realize we'd been had.

I have many but will only mention one other. Uncle Dick wanted to set trout lines in a small stream, so the evening before, Vic & I went with him in a flat-bottomed boat to set the lines. Next morning, very very early, we went back for the bounty. Nothing but empty hooks. In those eerie, early morning hours with fog rising from the stream, Uncle Dick raised the oar overhead, yelled "have you been saved," & slapped it on the surface....several times. You just can't make this stuff up.

Uncle Dick was definitely a vital part of molding me into the person I am today. He will be sorely missed.

Ginger Bromley - August 27, 2015 at 09:43 PM

SF

“ Sarah, Andrew, Gretchen and Michael Martinson and families. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Phillip Richard "Dick" Eastman.



Sarah, Andrew, Gretchen and Michael Martinson and families. - August 27, 2015 at 09:14 AM

DT

“ *My deepest and sincerest condolences to the Eastman family. I worked with Dick from 1991 until he retired. His fun loving nature and humor made for an enjoyable work day. We have missed his smiling face. May you always remember how much he loved his family. We speak of him often and tell "Dick stories" to all of our new employees. His memory is alive and well in the hearts of his Refinery family. May the arms of our Lord enfold you in his loving embrace. -Deb Teter*

Deb Teter - August 24, 2015 at 02:50 PM

 Phyllis
Clark

“ *Brit you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers, may God wrap his loving arms around you during this time of grief and always.
Phyllis*

Phyllis Clark - August 24, 2015 at 02:08 PM

JE

“ *Missing Uncle Dick's welcoming smile, great smelling pipe and sensible advice. Grateful for our family legacy. Love you all so very much!!!*

Jill Ewing - August 24, 2015 at 11:57 AM

JP

My sincerest condolences to the Eastman family. I too worked with Dick at the refinery, though it has been twenty-two years since I left, I remember and still tell some of those "Dick Eastman Stories." He was a special person who was able to combine his many interests and talents into a memorable and successful life.

Jim Pennington - August 28, 2015 at 08:26 AM