



Richard 'Dick' Baze

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Richard "Dick" L. Baze, age 81, of Centerville, passed away Thursday, October 10, 2019 at his home.

Dick was born on May 28, 1938 in Chariton, Iowa, the son of Joseph and Geneva (Ryan) Baze. He graduated from Chariton High School with the Class of 1956.

Following graduation, Dick enlisted in the United States Army National Guard on May 31, 1956. He was a Tank Driver until May 30, 1959. He was then appointed to an "organized unit" of the National Guard of the State of Iowa on May 31, 1959. He was a Rifle Squad Leader, and earned numerous awards throughout the years. After 10 faithful years of service, Dick was honorably discharged on May 30, 1966 as a Staff Sergeant (E-6).

Dick was united in marriage to Prudence "Prudy" Ann Lindquist on September 4, 1956. To this union, three children were born, Annette, Todd and Tom. Prudy passed away on November 6, 1998.

After his discharge from the military, Dick started working at Iowa Southern Utilities in the early 1970s. He retired in 1995. Dick accomplished over 40 years of civic service during his lifetime. He started in 1962 as a volunteer fireman for the Chariton Fire Department, and eventually became the Fire Chief in Chariton until 1975. Dick was dedicated to many organizations and boards through the years. Shortly following retirement from ISU, he was elected as the Mayor of Centerville. Dick was also the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Centerville, and remained in office for some time. He spent 10 years on the Appanoose County Fair Board, and was active in the Appanoose County Heart Committee. Dick spent 30 years as a Boy Scout Leader and Advisor. He was also a past member of the Tenco Board.

Left to honor Dicks memory are his children, Annette (David) Tubbs of Centerville, Todd (Jill) Baze of Centerville, and Tom Baze of Centerville; siblings, Fred (Fern)



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Baze, Larry (Bobbie) Baze, Gary (Joye) Baze, and JoAnn Putnam; four grandchildren, Jeromy (Amy) Tubbs, Heather (Blayne Wright) Tubbs, Tyler (Heather) Baze, and Andrew Baze; three great grandchildren, Alyssa Tubbs, Kennedy Smothers, and Asher Baze; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Dick was preceded in death by his wife, Prudence "Prudy" Baze; his parents, Joseph and Geneva Baze; his step mother, Vernie Baze; and a brother in law, Bill Putnam.

Visitation will take place from 2:00PM-8:00PM, Monday, October 14, 2019 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville with the family greeting friends from 6:00PM-8:00PM. A second visitation will be held Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at Fielding Funeral Home in Chariton from 10:00AM-11:00AM. Funeral services will be held at 11AM, Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at Fielding Funeral Home in Chariton, Iowa. Burial will follow the service at Chariton Cemetery in Chariton. Memorials have been established to the Appanoose County Heart Committee, and may be dropped off or mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 South 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

2019-10-14 18:00:00

20:00:00

Lange Funeral Home & Crematory

1900 South 18th St

Centerville

IA

52544

Funeral Service

2019-10-15 11:00:00

Fielding Funeral Home

227 S Grand St

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 1:00 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 10 at 7:00 PM



Margery Davison posted:

Dick was a good man and he is going to be greatly missed. Our condolences to the family. From the Ewing family Matthew, Margery and Marilyn

October 15 at 7:00 PM



Debbie Atkinson posted:

I grew up in Centerville Iowa. My condolences to the entire family of this amazing man.

October 14 at 7:00 PM



Expression Of Sympathy posted:

A Spathiphyllum was sent by Carl Tubbs on October 12, 2019

October 11 at 7:00 PM



Max Ervin32 lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Lit a candle in memory of Richard 'Dick' Baze

October 10 at 7:00 PM



Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson lit a candle in honor of Richard.

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Sara Tait lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Lit a candle in memory of Richard 'Dick' Baze

October 10 at 7:00 PM



JL

Joann Laurson posted:

So sorry for the loss to your family

October 10 at 7:00 PM

JM

Jodi Mcgee posted:

Please accept our deepest sympathies, will always remember our CVFD days O.D. Bud Schumann and family

October 10 at 7:00 PM

KS

Kay Singley posted:

Hello, Tom, My sympathy to you during this time of loss. I enjoyed visiting with your father awhile back! May God bring you comfort in a beautiful way.

October 10 at 7:00 PM

JK

Jackie (Parham) And Kids posted:

One of my fondest memories of Dick was spending time with him and Prudy. She was always cooking and he was always wanting us to sample it. He gave me great advice after my Roger passed. He told me to keep my chin up, always know that even when someone dies they are not truly gone because they live on in the people they love. I have lived my life to this day remembering those words of advice Dick gave me. Annette, Todd, Tom and families take comfort in the knowledge he is never truly gone he is just back to his healthy younger self in heaven with Prudy and others that loved him and went before him. Love you all!!

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UB

Ursula And Clinton Bingham posted:

I (Ursula Roberts Bingham) graduated with Dick in the Class of 1956 at Chariton High School. What a fine person, Also remember Prudy. Our prayers go out to their family for comfort.

October 10 at 7:00 PM

RR

Reggie Robbins posted:

We are so sorry to hear about Dick. He was the finest man I have ever worked for. I appreciated his kindness and goodness.

October 10 at 7:00 PM

MM

Melissa Mcintire posted:

Dick was a great guy! He will definitely be missed. So sorry for your loss.

October 10 at 7:00 PM

DS

Dianne Scott Strickler posted:

So gentle a man with caring and courtesy to all. He will always be one of the many good memories of Centerville. May the many accomplishments of this modest man comfort you all.

October 10 at 7:00 PM

MS

Mark And Thelma Smothers posted:

May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time. You're in our thoughts, our hearts, and our prayers.

October 10 at 7:00 PM



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Thomas Funeral Home shared 9 photos to the **Obituary Wall** album.

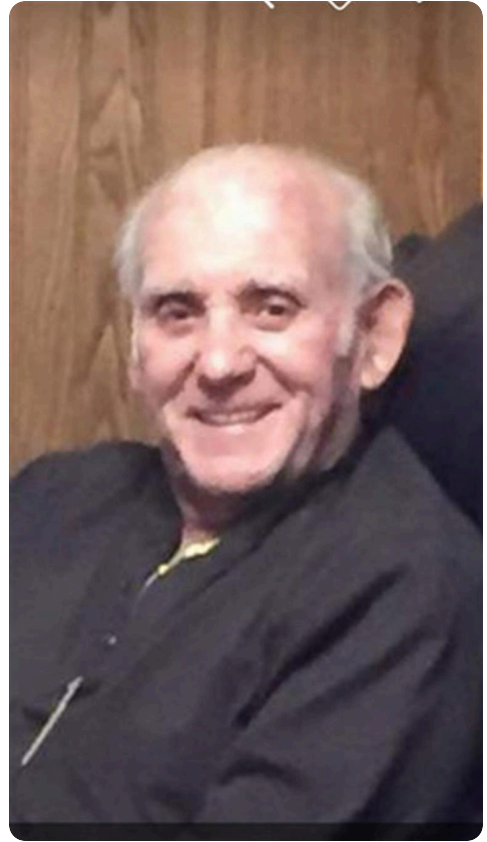
October 13 at 1:33 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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