



Richard L. Ramsdale

September 16, 1927 - April 23, 2018

Richard Leigh "Dick" Ramsdale, 90, of McPherson, Kansas, passed away at 6:15 a.m., Monday, April 23rd, 2018 peacefully, at Pleasant View Home, Inman, Kansas.

Richard was born in Anness, Kansas on September 16, 1927, to Walker Bryan and Carrie (Hedrick) Ramsdale. He attended the two-room Mt. Pleasant grade school near his parent's farm, and graduated from Norwich High School in 1945. He entered the United States Army in February of 1946 honorably served his country, and was discharged in March of 1947 as a Technician 4th Grade. He then attended Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, where he graduated with honors in 1950 with a B.S. degree in agricultural education. He later received his master's degree in education from K-State.

Dick was united in marriage to Nadine Lowrey on August 8, 1948 at the Methodist Church in Norwich, Kansas. They established their first home together in Manhattan, Kansas while he attended Kansas State University.

Upon graduation, he became the vocational agriculture teacher for Moundridge High School, and then in 1954 he and Nadine moved to McPherson, when he accepted a teaching position as the vo-ag teacher at McPherson High School. Throughout his over 40 years as a teacher and later as the first director of McPherson's area vocational technical school, he was particularly proud of his FFA livestock judging teams that won three state and one national title.

Dick was a lifetime farmer of family land northeast of Norwich, Kansas, first with his father and then with his son, Leigh. He was happiest when sitting on the seat of a tractor or driving a combine. He enjoyed attending sporting events with his wife, Nadine, spending time with his children and grandchildren, and in his later years, chatting with friends over breakfast at Wendy's.

Dick was a member of the Kansas Teachers Association, and a member of the McPherson Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his three children, Janelle Tauer and husband Loren, of Ithaca, New York, Marc Ramsdale and wife Jody, of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Leigh Ramsdale and wife Rhonda, of Milton, Kansas; his seven grandchildren, Gregory Tauer and his wife Nicolette, Kristen Tauer, Cassey Peters, Jackie Tubaro and her husband Adam, Ross Ramsdale and his wife Erika, Bryan Ramsdale, and Courtney Ramsdale; his sisters Barbara Withee, of Manhattan, Kansas and Margaret Ramsdale, of Hutchinson, Kansas; other relatives and a host of friends and former students.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents Walker and Carrie Ramsdale, and his wife Nadine.

Visitation will be on Friday, April 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Glidden-Ediger Chapel in McPherson, KS.

The funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April, 28, 2018 at Glidden-Ediger with Reverend H. Dick Reynolds, Jr. officiating.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the Upchurch Cemetery in rural Norwich.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Kansas State University or the National FFA Organization and they can be sent in care of the Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home, 222 West Euclid Street; McPherson, Kansas 67460.

Cemetery

Events

UpChurch Cemetery

SE 120 St.

Norwich, KS, 67118

APR **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Glidden - Ediger Chapel

222 West Euclid Street, McPherson, KS, US, 67460

APR **Service** 10:00AM

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APR **Graveside service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ I found out that Mr. Ramsdale (Dick) had died on May 3rd and so missed the visitation and funeral and the chance to celebrate his life with family and friends. Great memories include: K-State Fathers' Day weekends over several years when Dick and my dad bunked together enjoying each other and our events. I was honored and impressed to visit one of the houses built by Dick's vocational students. It was awesome. I was lucky to have the chance to visit the Ramsdale farm, to meet Carrie and Walker, Dick's parents and to sit at the harvest dinner table and learn about agricultural cost factors and futures from Dick and Janelle as I had also from Nadine. It helped me in my career. And I will never forget the football weekends and holidays at the Ramsdale house...fun events where Dick took a turn at teaching me the core concepts of football, since tennis and golf had been the major sports at my high school. My last great memory of Dick is of having the chance to catch up and give him a big hug at Nadine's service. The two of them were part of the "village" that made a giant impression on me in critical years. I send condolences to the entire family, so many of whom I know and remember with fondness.

Dianne Hart

Dianne Hart - May 10, 2018 at 11:10 PM



“ I have been fortunate to have had Dick as my teacher, advisor, mentor, career cheerleader and personal friend for the past 68 years. I was a member of his first FFA winning livestock judging team. He planted the seed for many of his former students to enter the field of agribusiness. He will certainly be missed.

Nelson Galle

Nelson Galle - April 25, 2018 at 01:23 PM



“ I consider Dick a lifetime friend even with our age difference. He always asked about my family when we saw each other. Always fun to talk sports and education issues with him. I will miss him.

Gary McNally

Gary L McNally - April 25, 2018 at 09:28 AM



“ Dick was an amazing man and teacher. I learned so much from him in school as his student and later as his teacher's aid, but the life lessons he passed on to me over two summers as his hired hand on the family farm I will carry with me for the rest of my life. There are many things he taught me as not only my boss but as a father figure that I've shared with my kids. I'm unable to put into words just how much of a positive influence Dick was on me as a young man and I'm forever indebted to him. This world has lost a good one but he's now reunited with Nadine. Rest in Peace Dick.

Ron Biehler - April 23, 2018 at 10:53 PM



“ Loved him as a teacher, prayers for the family !

Darren Frazier - April 23, 2018 at 05:15 PM