



## Richard Clay Hurst

December 26, 1935 - February 4, 2017

Richard Clay Hurst

Boone, Iowa

Date of Death: February 4, 2017

Funeral Services for Richard Clay Hurst, 81, of Boone, will be held at 10:30am Friday, February 10, 2017 at First Evangelical Free Church, Boone, Iowa. Interment will be at the Rose Hill Cemetery, east of Luther, IA. Friends may call at Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home after 3:00pm Thursday, where the family will be present to greet friends from 5:30-7:30pm Thursday.

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Richard Clay Hurst, age 81, went to his eternal home with Jesus on February 4, 2017 at Westhaven Community in Boone, Iowa. Richard was born December 26, 1935, in Boone, Iowa, the son of Clay and Evelyn (Helland) Hurst. He was raised in Luther, Iowa and graduated from Luther High School in 1954. He worked with his father who built grain elevators throughout Iowa. He attended Augustana Lutheran College and Drake University before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1957. He was stationed at McClellan AFB where he served as a Radio-radar Electronic Technician on RC121 aircraft for 4 years.

After his discharge from the Air Force, he worked at Douglas Aircraft Missile Test Facility, Sacramento, CA, for 8 years as an Electronic Technician/Quality Control Inspector on the 4th stage of the Apollo missile. When the test facility closed in 1969, he returned to Iowa and completed his BA degree (Insurance) from Drake University in 1973. He moved to Boise ID where he worked as an Agent for Allstate Insurance Company and as an Insurance Underwriter for a local insurance agency. In 1976 he had an opportunity to join the Insurance Department for the State of Iowa, where he worked in Insurance Agent Licensing, served as Deputy Insurance Commissioner, and as an Insurance Company Examiner until his retirement in 2002. During his career in insurance, he studied through

The American College and obtained professional designations as a Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant. He also obtained a professional certification as a Certified Insurance Examiner. He was a member of The Society of Financial Examiners.

Richard loved the great outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He liked sports and played basketball, baseball, tennis and golf. He enjoyed watching TV westerns and sports. But what he really loved was spending time and visiting with family and friends. He was a "people person" and never knew a stranger. He was close to his Lord God and attended church regularly, whether at home or on vacation. He taught Sunday School, served on church boards and committees, and was a Boy Scout leader. He was a life-time member of the American Legion, and a past member of Luther Lions Club and the Boone Rotary. Richard was preceded in death by his parents; sister Joanne (Hurst) Giffin and brother-in-law Charles Giffin.

Richard will be greatly missed by his wife of 57 years, Sue Hurst of Boone, IA; daughters: Cheryl (Gregg) Williams of Boone, IA; Linda (Charles) Hildreth of Mitchellville, IA; brother: David (Marcia) Hurst of Boone, IA; grandchildren: Brad Williams of Ankeny, IA; Brian Williams of Memphis, TN; Chloe Hildreth and Sawyer Hildreth both of Mitchellville, IA; step-grandchildren: Christopher (Sierra Lunkley) Hildreth of Tempe, AZ and Shawn Hildreth of West Des Moines, IA; nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; cousins, other relatives and friends.

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Memorials may be given to the family for distribution to selected charities.

Online condolences may be left at [www.schroederfuneral.com](http://www.schroederfuneral.com). Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home, 609 Seventh Street, Boone

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Rose Hill Cemetery**

Luther, IA,

**FEB**

**9**

**Visitation**

**03:00PM**

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Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home (Boone)  
609 7th Street PO Box 116, Boone, IA, US, 50036

**FEB**

**10**

**church service**

**10:30AM**

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609 7th Street PO Box 116, Boone, IA, US, 50036

# Comments

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“ Dear Family of Dick Hurst:

I worked with Dick for 21 years at the Division. I have been with the Division over 35 years and Dick is one of my favorite all-time fellow employees.

I talked to him almost every day and always looked forward to what he had to say. He was always interesting and in good spirits. Nothing seemed to bother him.

He always liked to talk about the summer he spent at Lyle Gunnerson's house in Clermont. Lyle had three daughters and one them was in my class at Valley High School. So we had that in common as well as what life was like in small town Iowa in the 50's and 60's. Hard to believe he was 16 years older than me as we had a lot of the same life experiences, attitudes and memories. He especially loved having daughters and now that I have three of my own, I know exactly why he felt that way.

I do not have to tell you but Dick was a good man with a big heart. His presence made our work environment a much better place. Can still see his big grin and hear his happy laugh. God knows we need a lot more Dick Hursts in the country right now. Sorry we had to lose this one.

God rest his soul.

John Leonhart  
Iowa Insurance Division

john leonhart - February 10, 2017 at 04:07 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Sue and all of Richard's family. I will always have fond memories serving him at the Whistle Stop, and have always enjoyed chatting with he & Sue. Please don't be a stranger, Sue. There is always a pancake waiting for you at the Whistle Stop! Hugs & Prayers to all. Sincerely, Ronda Kelley

Ronda Kelley - February 10, 2017 at 03:56 PM

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“ I want to extend my sympathy to all of you. I am sorry I cannot attend the funeral service but I want you to know I am thinking of you. God's blessings & comfort to you at this difficult time.

Sending my love & sympathy,  
Eleanor Sturtz  
Pella, IA.

Eleanor Sturtz - February 09, 2017 at 02:33 PM

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“ Thankful for all the wonderful memories growing up with the Hurst family esp the late summer volleyball games when we were growing up. The Seversons couldn't ask for better neighbors and lifetime friends. We all loved Richard so much. He had a heart of gold. - the "Severson" family

Caree Severson - February 08, 2017 at 08:49 PM

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“ Dear Dave and Marcia and family:

We are sorry to hear of your brother's passing. We will be thinking of you and praying for your family at this time of grief.

Maurice and Tami Conley

Maurice Conley - February 08, 2017 at 06:03 PM

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“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Clay Hurst.



February 08, 2017 at 05:22 PM

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“ Sue, Cheryl and Linda - so very sorry to learn of Dick's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Keep your memories close to your heart and he will always be with you.

Bernie and Bev Zylstra

Beverly Zylstra - February 08, 2017 at 11:30 AM

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“ Love Always, Your Neices and Nephews in the West purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Clay Hurst.



Love Always, Your Neices and Nephews in the West - February 08, 2017 at 11:30 AM

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“ Sandi&Harold Johnson&Chad Johnson,Angi Ellsworth purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Clay Hurst.



Sandi&Harold Johnson&Chad Johnson,Angi Ellsworth - February 08, 2017 at 11:12 AM

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“ Wonderful to have an amazing friend all through our "6 on 6" HS BBall career who had such an enthusistic cheering section. Game day pancake dinners were a real treat. But my favorite memory is the nightly check of his "traps". We loved hearing "Father" Hurst stories at school. Cherished memories. My love and prayers to your family.

Cynthia Leutzinger - February 07, 2017 at 11:20 PM

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“ Sue, Linda and family - I knew Dick from the Insurance Division (Sue from my time at the State Treasurer's Office, and Linda from church). Dick always had a smile on his face! My thoughts and prayers are with your family. (As I was reading the obituary, I was thinking some of those words should have been circled and/or underlined!) He was one of a kind.

Marilyn Miller Merrell

Marilyn Miller Merrell - February 07, 2017 at 09:19 PM

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“ I enjoyed every ballgame with Brad and Ben playing through High School and earlier. He had a wonderful sense of humor! His aside remarks often broke me up but he always had a point.

Joyce Rouse - February 07, 2017 at 04:43 PM

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“ Hugs to you all. He was always so kind to me and made a point to say "HI" when he saw me at church while I was home for the weekend. May you hold tight to Jesus and the knowledge that your dad/husband is now in His Presence. {{HUGS}}  
Carolina W.

Carolina - February 07, 2017 at 04:03 PM

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“ Seems like yesterday he was in the stands at Boone U, cheering on his "girls". Much love to you all!  
Jane Boesen Lee

Jane Boesen Lee - February 07, 2017 at 03:31 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard Clay Hurst.



February 07, 2017 at 02:53 PM

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“ Paragon International purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Richard Clay Hurst.



Paragon International - February 07, 2017 at 01:19 PM

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“ Sue and family,  
We were sorry to hear about Richard's passing. Richard and the Barrett kids all grew up in the little town of Luther and we have many fond memories of the good life we had there. We are thinking of you.  
Fern and Mahlon

Fern Shell - February 07, 2017 at 01:08 PM

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“ Sue,  
Our sincere sympathies to you and your family. Dick was a part of Augustana for many years and we enjoyed seeing you on Sundays.

God gives us the strength to handle death - whether or not we think we can. Lean on Him.

Lowell and Mary Diersen

Mary Diersen - February 07, 2017 at 10:44 AM

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“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Richard Clay Hurst.



February 06, 2017 at 10:28 PM

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“ Dearest Aunt Sue, Cheryl and family; Linda and family; Uncle Davi, Marsha and family. At this time condolences to you all. The One who has Promised has greeted Uncle Richard and is also with all of you. My heart goes out to all of you.

Jo Ellen Barber - February 05, 2017 at 06:44 PM