



Richard D. Cloyed

December 31, 1929 - June 4, 2019

Richard Dale Cloyed, 89, of Kearney, Nebraska, passed away June 4, 2019, at home. He was surrounded by family and though his death was not unexpected, it was still a surprise. Services will be held at First United Methodist Church, 4500 Linden Drive, Kearney, on Friday, August 2, 2019 at ten thirty, Pastor Melody Adams, officiating. Interment at a later date. Arrangements were made by Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home and Cremation Services and further information can be found on their website: www.hlmkfuneral.com

Richard was a well beloved member of the Kearney community since moving here in 1961. He was employed by then Kearney State Teacher's College, now University of Nebraska at Kearney, from then until his retirement in 1994. Born to Lawrence N. and Dorothy L. (Snow) Cloyed of Blakesburg, Iowa, December 31, 1929, Dick grew up a farm boy in a close knit family of boys. He was a depression era child with cows and garden chores. His respite from this constant work was found in books. Words became his calling and his life.

He joined the rank of teachers after long years of education: from Blakesburg to Burlington (Iowa) High School, graduating class of 1948, Burlington Junior College for an Associates degree in 1950, followed by the University of Iowa for a Bachelor of Arts, 1952, and Master of Arts, 1957, in English Literature. He was said to have the broadest reading background of anyone in the

English department at KSC, where he taught for 33 years, with 20 years on the Rank and Tenure Committee, as well as most other departmental committees. Many of the British literature courses at UNK were originally introduced by Dick, and he is known to be the longest active sponsor of Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honorary Society, in the United States, as well as serving on its Board of Directors and as Treasurer for many years. He was faculty advisor for Carillon, the student writing publication. He was also instrumental in the inception of the Studies Abroad Program at KSC and served as its director for many years. He was a member of the National Educational Association, National Council of Teachers of English and American Legion Post #52.

Richard married Juanita Bessie Van Osdol, also of Burlington, Iowa, on April 07, 1951, before he went to Korea as part of the United States Army from 1952-54. Following that service, he completed his masters as they began their family. Connie Lorene was born October 18, 1955, followed by Richard Allen on February 07, 1958 and Catherine Diane on August 28, 1960.

Besides his teaching and fathering, Dick was an active contractor/carpenter adding garages, repairing roofs and siding, pouring driveways, sometimes even plumbing! He used to remind us that “if you could read, you could do anything” and proved it with his ability to pick up a new skill or perform a new task. He could understand and put into use what he read. He could inspire others to do the same. He spent many wonderful hours acting in the college theatre department, as well as helping create and build the Kearney Community Theatre, and supported them as a player as well as constructing many of their sets over many years.

He enjoyed fishing, particularly alone, in a boat, on a lake, in Minnesota. But he'd let the rest of us come along once in awhile and share in his peace. Some of the happiest family memories took place during summer vacations

there.

Richard was active in a bowling league for years, and stood up at election time from 1996-2013 as precinct staff and, several of those years, as Precinct Captain. He served on many committees in his years with the First United Methodist Church. He and Juanita loved to travel and were able to enjoy Italy and Egypt, UK and France, Japan and Greece, Israel and Canada, as well as many wonderful places in the United States.

They were also able to visit their children, and their families, who now survive Richard, including Connie Cloyed (Robert Heywood) of Oregon, Richard Cloyed (Julie) of Montana, Catherine Snow (William Gutierrez) of Nebraska, as well as grandchildren, Emily (Ryan) Alderaen, Hannah Aronowitz, David (Cari) Cloyed, Jonathan (Jessie) Cloyed, Sarah (Nic) Marshall, Juanita Snow, Tosh Gutierrez and eleven great grandchildren. He is also survived by sister-in-law Leota Cloyed of Florida, brother John (Ellen) Cloyed of Iowa as well as a passel of nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Keith and Larry (Joann) Cloyed, brothers-in-law Forrest and Dean Van Osdol, as well as grandson Jade Gutierrez.

Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation to the Sigma Tau Delta scholarship fund at UNK in Richard's name.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard D. Cloyed*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



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Jon Cloyed - July 30, 2019 at 04:44 PM



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Jon Cloyed - July 30, 2019 at 04:41 PM

CC

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



connie cloyed - July 28, 2019 at 12:22 PM

MI

“ Thoughts and prayers to Juanita and family. As a valued part of KSC/UNK, he had a great impact on many students. RIP!!

Mary Iten - July 25, 2019 at 11:33 AM

CC

“ What a wonderful teacher he was. It was my blessing to be his student when I attended UNK. He touched so many lives with his gift and art of teaching.

Colleen Coram

Colleen Coram - July 24, 2019 at 05:42 PM

LE

“ Mr. Cloyed was one of the most humble instructors I "sat under" at KSC. I could ask him a (sometimes stupid) question -- in class publicly or in his small office privately -- and he would not berate me. He would, instead, say something like: "Oh, yes. Isn't that the truth, Lennis!" Then the talk would continue, and I would learn (if I were honest with myself) something about kindness and fun and understanding. RIP, Mr. Cloyed.

lennis - June 22, 2019 at 01:31 AM



Thank you for your kind words. It is such a comfort to us that he is remembered as he was, in essence.

Catherine Snow - July 23, 2019 at 10:07 PM



Cathy: your father was a kind, gentle, wonderful spirit as a neighbor. I will always remember his kindness and his love for his family and friends. Growing up in our neighborhood gave me amazing memories to cherish ❤️ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Darla (Smith). Langenberg

Darla Langenberg - July 23, 2019 at 11:44 PM



❤️ *Thank you, Darla... We were so blessed in where & when we grew up. I cherish so much about our shared past. It is so supportive to hear from you, now.*

Catherine Snow - July 24, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Cousins Diane and Scott Cloyed Stevenson*

Scott C. Stevenson - June 16, 2019 at 06:34 AM



Thank you.

Catherine Snow - July 23, 2019 at 10:11 PM



“ *Richard Cloyd was a talented member of the Class of '48. I was a classmate of Richard his wife Juanita and her brother Dean. I will say a prayer for the family. aemarshpdx@comcast.net
Al Marsh Class of '48 Burlington High School.*

Al Marsh - June 14, 2019 at 10:34 PM



Thank you, Al. Mother sends her greetings to you...

Catherine Snow - July 23, 2019 at 10:10 PM

EP

“ *Dear Juanita and Family,
Knowing Dick was one of the greatest privileges I had at KSC/UNK.
He was always a helpful, kind, and entertaining colleague. We
spend many a happy moment exchanging jokes and stories
between our offices. I also remember the many times you opened
your home to us for department events.
Juanita, you and Dick will always stand out in my memory as among
the warmest, most welcoming people in Kearney. Thank you for
your kindnesses to us all.
Most sincerely,
Liz Peck*

Elizabeth Peck - June 14, 2019 at 09:12 PM

RN

“ *In 1962, although I don't remember the year for sure, I had Mr.
Cloyed in Advanced Writing. To this day I remember him as a terrific
writing teacher. I benefitted from Mr. Cloyed's teaching throughout
my years as a teacher and business executive. Every job I ever had
called upon writing skills taught by him. All the best to his family for
a life well lived.*

*Robert Nielsen (class of 63)
Pasadena, CA*

Robert Nielsen - June 11, 2019 at 08:01 PM

DE

“ *Mr. Cloyed was my advisor during my undergrad at KSC. He was always so patient and kind, often pointing out options when I felt overwhelmed. I so appreciated his care and understanding. My sympathies to the family. Deb England*

Deb England - June 11, 2019 at 05:07 PM

JD

“ *To the Cloyed family, please know that we are thinking of you at this difficult time and pray that you are comforted in God's loving embrace. Jerry Davidson*

Jerry Davidson - June 11, 2019 at 11:33 AM

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connie cloyed - June 11, 2019 at 11:33 AM

NP

“ *Dear Juanita and Family, Chuck and Nancy Peek send our sympathy to all of you. We have great affection and many good memories of Dick and all of you. We pray for your peace as you go forward. Love and peace to you all. Nancy and Chuck Peek*

Nancy Peek - June 10, 2019 at 04:51 PM

KH

“ *Dear Juanita and Family:
My thoughts are with you. I wish I could give you a hug, Juanita.
Sent with love,
Kay Horner*

Kay Horner - June 09, 2019 at 05:17 PM