



Richard L. 'Dick' Swett

November 18, 1932 - May 2, 2017

Richard "Dick" Swett, 84, of Kearney, died Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at Good Samaritan Society St. Luke's in Kearney. Memorial service will be held 10:30 a.m., Monday, May 8, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Stephen Price-Gibson officiating. Burial will be 2:30 p.m., at the Ord City Cemetery in Ord, Nebraska with Military Rites. Memorials are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church, Kearney Area Humane Society, or Nebraska Educational Television. Dick was born November 18, 1932 in Ainsworth, Nebraska to Erman and Pauline (Wright) Swett. He graduated from Wood Lake High School in 1951. He then enlisted in the Air Force, where he earned the rank of Staff Sergeant and served his country for four years. Dick then earned his teaching certificate from Kearney State College in 1959. Dick taught and coached in Superior, Nebraska and Malvern, Iowa before moving back to Kearney in 1964 to teach. He married Sharon Cetak on August 16, 1969 in Ord, Nebraska. Dick enjoyed hunting, fishing, historical biographies, and gardening. He was extremely proud of his vegetable garden. He had a lifelong love affair with all things Husker, where he was a longtime football season ticket holder. After retiring from teaching Dick and Sharon enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Europe. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, 50 year member of the American Legion, N.E.A., N.S.E.A., and an Admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska. Dick is survived by his wife Sharon of Kearney; son, Tim Swett and his wife Lori of Rapid City, SD; daughter, Nancy Bullis and her husband Kevin of Elwood, NE;

brother, Don Swett and his wife Sharon of Leadville, CO; sisters-in-law, Shirley Bundy of Grand Island, NE, Sheila Ramsey of Ord, NE; 6 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Dick was preceded in death by his parents.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard L. 'Dick' Swett*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Mr. Swett was one of my 7th grade teachers and his wife taught 9th grade at KJH. I enjoyed both of them. After college, I worked for my Dad and got to know many of my former teachers, including Dick through the business. Then I returned to teaching in 1987 and to my surprise Dick was also a new hire at YRTC! We had lots of good times, lunches with the "pretty ladies" and news about his "bride!" I so enjoyed our lunch bunch after he retired and missed him when he could no longer be there! Great friend, great teacher, great man! My thoughts and prayers are with Sharon and the family!*

Sue Divan - May 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *What outstanding teachers! I had classes with both Mr. and Mrs. Swett. They made learning interesting and fun. Thoughts and prayers are with you Mrs. Swett and your family.*

June Stover - May 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a great gentleman! I had the privilege of teaching with Dick for several years at YRTC. In fact, I was assigned to be his mentor as he began teaching in the Basic Ed program. Loved to hear his stories, see the twinkle in his eyes, and enjoy a good laugh with him. Rest easy, Swett, your work on earth is now done. God's peace and blessings to his family.*

Judy Goodell - May 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr. Swett was a great teacher for many YRTC youth. His leadership and guidance provided them the opportunity to be successful learners. He was a positive staff member who was a good teammate. He loved the Huskers. May his memory be eternal.*

Tim O'Dea - May 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM