



## Dr. Richard Chester Arnold

June 27, 1939 - April 30, 2023

Richard "Dick" Arnold was born on June 27, 1939 to Clair C. and Helen Lucille (Covey) Arnold in Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

When Dick was 11 years old, he started delivering morning newspapers for \$6 per week. His mother made him save half of his earnings and he was allowed to keep the other half. Later, the evening paper was added so he delivered 450 papers a day.

When he was a freshman in high school, he worked as the only life guard at the swimming pool 7 days a week all summer. He gave swimming lessons in the mornings and life guarded from 1:30 to 8:30pm, earning \$15 per week.

He graduated from Medicine Lodge High School at the age of 17 and attended Fort Hays State College, where he played football as a Center on the team. He was also on the swim team.

During the summer, he worked for the Barber County highway department doing surveying and building roads. He also worked for the gypsum plant.

August 4, 1961, he received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. He then accepted a job with Black and Veatch in Kansas City.

On Valentine's Day 1962, he went on a blind date with a nursing student, Elizabeth "Betty" Johannes. After her graduation in August, they were married in Olathe, Kansas. Their marriage lasted 60 years.

In 1963, they moved to Manhattan, Kansas, so Dick could continue his education at KSU, where he received his Doctor of Philosophy degree. While there, 2 children: Keith and Traci were born.

August 1972, Dick accepted a teaching job at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) and they moved to Elkhorn, NE. October 1982 - January 1995, he was a partner in his own business, Applied Power Associates. 1995 - 2003 he resumed teaching at UNO and UNL until he retired on May 7, 2003. He received the distinction of Emeritus, August 2003.

He kept busy doing quality assurance for Airline Component Parts, Inc, consulting and working on a vertical rail experiment through UNL. He also enjoyed spending time with his wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Alysa, Christian, Ellie, Daniel, RJ, and Elise. They took family vacations: Colorado, Disney World, Alaska, and Hawaii. One of his favored past-times was dinner with his family at ElBees on Tuesday nights. He also enjoyed working crossword puzzles, history, investing in the stock market, taking walks, watching trains, playing cards, and traveling with family and friends.

Due to declining health he started dialysis in 2011; we thanked God when he received a kidney transplant on April, 12, 2012. He enjoyed 6 years with his new kidney. After it failed he began dialysis on October 26, 2018 until he no longer was able to physically continue 3 times a week treatments.

He will be remembered for his generosity to family and friends.

Visitation with family will be from 5:00 - 7:00pm Thursday at Reichmuth Funeral Home - Elkhorn. Funeral Services will be 10:30am Friday at Our Savior's Baptist Church (20230 Hopper Street Elkhorn, NE). In Lieu of flowers kindly consider a donation to; Our Savior's Baptist Church, Open Door Mission (PO Box 8340, Omaha, NE 68108-0340), or Passion Life (PO Box 862223, Marietta, GA 30062).

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery

21907 West Maple Road  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

# Previous Events

## Visitation with family

MAY 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
[services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](mailto:services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Ceremony

MAY 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Saviour Baptist Church  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ Farewell to a great colleague and an excellent engineer!

*Terence Foster, Professor Emeritus at University of Nebraska*

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**Terry Foster** - May 04, 2023 at 04:17 PM

AH

“ Dear Betty, you picked one of the best. Lots of good memories of Dick, thru high school and roommate at college. Was always good to see you and Dick. Wish there could be more. Prayers for you and family. Alan

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**Alan Hanson** - May 04, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ Dick and Betty were some of the first people we met when we moved to Elkhorn in 1981 and started attending Our Savior's Baptist Church. They were friendly to newcomers and always happy and welcoming to everyone who came in the door. My thoughts are with Betty and family at this time. What a joy to know that Dick is now with his Lord. LuAnn Dritley

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**LuAnn Dritley** - May 04, 2023 at 07:44 AM

MC

“ Remember watch him play High School football.

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**Marvin Covey** - May 04, 2023 at 04:44 AM

MC

“ *Marvin Covey purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Dr. Richard Chester Arnold.*



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**Marvin Covey** - May 04, 2023 at 04:39 AM

BB

“ *As a member of Dick’s 1957 Medicine Lodge High School class, I want Betty and family to know how much he will be missed by his remaining classmates. There are very few of us left but we were extremely close and Dick was much loved by all. He and Betty (who agreed to be one of us “old folks” for the reunions) never missed a reunion and, if we few left ever get to meet again, they will be sorely missed! We declared ourselves, The Glorious Class of ‘57!!*

*On a personal note, my husband Vernon Buell and Dick, were childhood friends, and remained close friends, until Vernon’s death in 2004. Dick was the Best Man at our wedding and I’ll never forget Dick and Betty’s continued friendship and kindnesses to me during these last 19 years!*

*I send my love and pray God’s blessings, His special peace and comfort to Betty, Keith, Traci and all the family. Amen!*

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**Betty Buell** - May 03, 2023 at 06:09 PM

CC

“ *It was with great sadness when we learned of Dick’s passing.*

*As a first cousin to us, Dick was always one that we looked forward to talking with and exchanging stories at family reunions. He always had clear perception of what was going on and never failed on furnishing humor to those who participated in joint conversations.*

*Dick accomplished many notable things during his private life and professional career.*

*He mentioned to us that he sure was fortunate, lucky and proud that he met and married Betty. (and he threw in some polite ‘humble – bragging’ about Betty to prove his point).*

*In this time of sorrow, please accept our heartfelt sympathy to Betty and the extended family.*

*We send our love to Dick’s family to give them strength and comfort as you continue on your own life’s mission.*

*Dick will always be remembered for his wit and wisdom.*

*Your cousins .... Curtis and Lyman Covey*

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**Curtis Covey** - May 02, 2023 at 11:07 AM

BP

“ *Betty and family. We are sorry for your loss. Keep the good memories and let them help you through the tough days. Dick is missed.*

*Jane and Bob Patterson*

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**Bob and Jane Patterson** - May 01, 2023 at 05:26 PM

RK

“ *Dr. Arnold was my mentor and advisor in the early days of my college education. He taught me many classes. We remain friends and I will miss him greatly.*

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**Rich Kotan** - May 01, 2023 at 02:05 PM