

Richard Tedrick Everett

October 19, 1940 - November 28, 2020

Private Family Funeral Saturday. Live streaming available at <https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1104410> Saturday at 3 PM.

Memorials to Team Jack Foundation for brain cancer research.

Richard Tedrick “Butch” Everett was born on October 19, 1940 in Lincoln, Nebraska to Wilbert “Ted” and Sarah “Sally” (Brening) Everett. He grew up in Lincoln where he attended Sheridan Elementary School and graduated from Lincoln Southeast High School in 1958, before attending Dade Jr. College in Miami, FL. As a young boy, Rich enjoyed playing football and golf.

Rich married Karen Dahlstrom on November 27, 1961 at the South Miami Methodist Church in South Miami, Florida and they were blessed with two children: Ann and Lance. Rich and Karen raised their family in both Miami and Lincoln, before settling in Omaha, Nebraska in 1969.

Rich worked as a pressman for the Miami Herald before returning to Nebraska, where he opened the first Runza in Omaha in October of 1969. He owned the Runza at 50th and Center in Omaha and went in to make Runzas on a regular basis until he was physically unable to do so. He was an avid golfer, loved to travel, he visited 48 states and traveled to a dozen foreign countries, had a sweet spot for his beloved cats and cockatiel, and had a

great interest in history. Rich treasured the time he could spend with his immediate and extended family. He held close special family events: births, weddings, and gatherings of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Rich enjoyed the music of Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, and Elvis, and was an avid fan of the Huskers, Yankees, Royals, and Chiefs. He savored corn on the cob, peas, chocolate, and anything blueberry. Rich cared deeply about everyone and was such a good listener. He could often be heard saying "Raise the roof" or "By the way." He was generous, honest, humble, and always a good sport.

Rich lost his battle to glioblastoma on Saturday, November 28, 2020 at his home in Omaha, surrounded by his family, at the age of 80. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Sally, and his brother, Donald. Rich is survived by his wife, Karen; daughter Ann (Harry) Gillway of Kimball, NE, and son Lance of Omaha; granddaughter Sara (Kyle) Smith and great grandchildren Kaden and Kali of Bennington, NE, grandson Jeff Gillway of Omaha, granddaughter Laura Gillway of Nashville, TN, and grandson Sean (Mackenzie) Gillway and great grandson Everett of Omaha; sisters Sharon (Bill) Redmond of Littleton, CO, and Mary (Jack) London of Sacramento, CA; Sister-in-law Sandy Everett of Lincoln and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins whom he loved dearly.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home-Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard Tedrick Everett*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - November 30, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ *Richard Tedrick Everett*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Tedrick Everett.*



December 06, 2020 at 10:13 AM

SR

“ He was such a kind gentleman, and sometimes like a second father. Trips to Worlds of Fun, Kansas City Royals, Putt Putt (deadly with his Ping Bullseye putter), drive inn movies to watch Close Encounters, and Planet of the Apes. He never had an unkind word to say about anything or anyone. He was such a great guy and a great friend of my dad, who admired him like a brother. God Bless You, Butch. You will be missed.

Scott Redmond - December 05, 2020 at 06:04 PM

FK

“ First Baptist Church of Kimball purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Tedrick Everett.



First Baptist Church of Kimball - December 04, 2020 at 06:37 PM

LP

“ I will never forget the fun times I had growing up with Butch on South 33rd St. Will never forget the Swimming pool. Sorry to hear of his passing. RIP Larry Peach

Larry Peach - December 03, 2020 at 06:02 PM

GS

“ Our sincere condolences to Mary, Jack and all of the Everett family.
George Stroh

George Stroh - December 03, 2020 at 01:33 PM

RB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Rich's passing. I moved up to Omaha in 1970 to manage a Runza for his brother Don. Rich, Don Smith and Denny Casper were a big help to me starting out. I will always remember the fun we had. Most of that happened on the golf course and usually at Applewood Golf Course. We had a great group of guys and usually there would be money on the line, and usually mine. If I had to remember one thing it would be the day Rich, Denny Casper, Big Bob McAlaxander and I were playing at Applewood. It was a beautiful afternoon and Bob and I were playing against Rich and Denny. We were on the 16th tee waiting for the group in front of us and Bob said to us "Wouldn't you just like to play on forever". And I thought "absolutely". Rich was a big part of my life when I lived in Omaha and I will always remember it fondly. To Karen and the rest of you guys I'm sorry and you will always be in my thoughts.

Rod Beckman - December 02, 2020 at 11:23 AM

DT

“ Rich was a very good man he was kindest man I loved working at runza with him he would always help everyone on Sundays he would bring donuts to runza u will always be remembered rich

Dyann tomair - December 02, 2020 at 02:37 AM

SJ

“ Sue Jonsson lit a candle in memory of Richard Tedrick Everett



Sue jonsson - December 01, 2020 at 10:07 PM

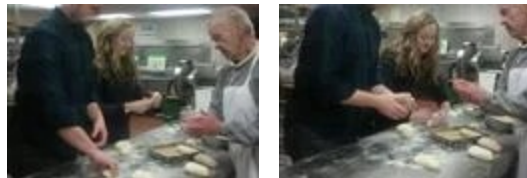
CB

“ Rich was one of the most generous and caring people. Sunday morning was one of my most favorite times. It would be just me and him in the store. We would have wonderful conversations and lots of laughs. And then on temperature Tuesday he would always help me by bring me more Runza over to put in the over.He would ask me to bake something with lemon for his wife Karen. And for him it was anything chocolate. One year gave him a cake at work the said " Daddy Warbucks " and he just got such a kick out of it. He will always have a special place on my family's life.

Christina Bergelt - December 01, 2020 at 08:03 PM

CB

“ Rich was showing his grandson Sean and his wife Mackenzie Gillway how to make runzas. I came downstairs and snapped couple pictures. Rich was so proud showing them how to put them together.



Christina Bergelt - December 01, 2020 at 07:55 PM

CW

We will miss Rich for all of his kindnesses and fun times. Will remember Ginger Cove, Hilton Head, and Sanibel especially. More than once he came over to the house with Runzas for us. What a thoughtful friend. He was special. Coleen and Dave.

Coleen Watson - December 02, 2020 at 08:47 AM

TF

“ *The Dahlstrom and Beisner Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Tedrick Everett.*



The Dahlstrom and Beisner Families - December 01, 2020 at 05:05 PM

BD

“ *For anyone who has ever wondered what the best possible brother-in-law “looks” like, I can tell them. Just like Rich. He lived as a loving, kind, respectful, modestly intelligent man with one of the best temperaments I’ve ever seen. He and Karen have provided me with a close-up view of a married couple who for 59 years loved each other deeply yet shared their best continuously with others while maintaining their own unique individual strengths and interests. My life is better because I was fortunate enough to be a small part of their lives and I’m sure many other people, besides my kids and the Everett family, share that same opinion.*

Rich’s life was well lived, well loved, and he leaves us for now with a legacy which continues through his family and friends. The earthly chapter is completed and the eternal one begun. Thanks for everything Rich!

Bud Dahlstrom - December 01, 2020 at 04:56 PM

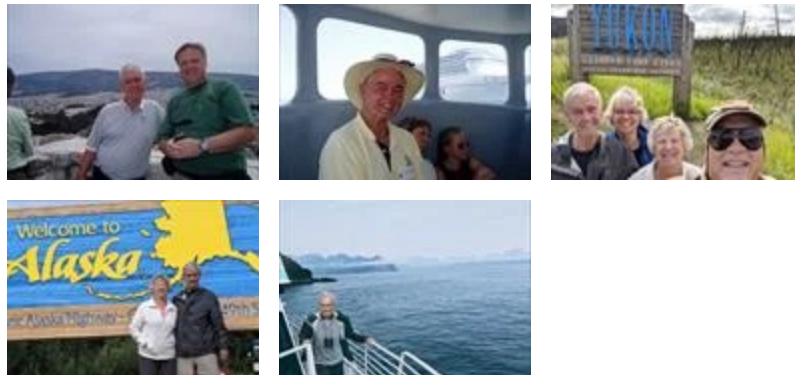
CD

“ Loved the trips to Putt Putt miniature golf, the Runza, Dairy Queen, playing Frisbee and the concerts...Eagles in 1977, Bob McGrath (yes THAT Bob from Sesame Street) and the Carpenters, both at AKSARBEN. Between him and his brother, they purchased enough explosive devices to have a "blast" in Grandma's backyard. Just a high point in my life!

Cheryl Doyle - December 01, 2020 at 03:11 PM

HG

“ I thank God for having such a great Father-In-Law. Last year before he went into surgery, I told him, he would be okay and that I would see him again. I told him this again last week and asked him, if he remembered when I told him that last year. He told me emphatically he did. I have faith that I will see him again but in the meantime I will miss him dearly. My heart has a void it and always will until we see each other again. Love you Rich.



Harry J Gillway - December 01, 2020 at 01:10 PM