



## Richard William Hartford

November 15, 1935 - April 22, 2021

Memorials to Gideons International or National MS Society

Richard William Hartford was born on November 15, 1935 in Omaha, Nebraska to Ernest and Ruth (McCann) Hartford. Walter and Ethel (Hamilton) Hartford raised Dick after his mother's death when he was four months old. He grew up in the Valley area, attending District 15 Country School and continuing at Valley High School graduating in 1953. Dick went on to study at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration

Dick married Ardith Hughes on June 6, 1959 at 2nd Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. The couple first resided in Omaha. They were blessed with four children: Tim, Jeanne, Alan and Jill. Dick and Ardith raised their family in Valley and Fremont before returning to Omaha in 1986.

Dick served in the US Army National Guard from 1958-1964, the first 9 months as active duty. He then spent most of his career in sales. First in computers, business machines, and equipment then structural steel and basement waterproofing services. He completed his Master's Degree in Counseling in December 1990, anticipating that his MS would progress. He worked as a vocational rehabilitation counselor before his retirement.

Dick was very active in church activities, Big Brothers, and Gideons International. Dick and Ardith volunteered at the Rose Theater, Orpheum and

Holland Center. The couple were always engaged in small groups at church and loved to attend and host gatherings with their friends. Dick enjoyed playing cards and reading the newspaper. He was sincere, thoughtful and a diligent worker. Dick enjoyed Husker football and rarely missed a broadcast. When he was still able, he would get down on the floor to play with the grandkids and later enjoyed giving them rides on his scooter. As the grandkids got older, Dick was often engaged with them in a game of cards or a board game.

Dick passed away unexpectedly on April 22, 2021 at The Lighthouse at the age of 85 years, 5 months and 7 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Ernest and Ruth, Walter and Ethel, and wife Ardith. Dick is survived by children Timothy (Teresa) Hartford of Pleasant Prairie, WI; Jeanne Kalina of Omaha; Alan Hartford of Medford, MA and Jill (Gerald) Huebert of Omaha; 11 grandchildren Ryan Hartford of Los Angeles, CA; Thomas Hartford and David Hartford of Pleasant Prairie, WI; Rachel (Dan) Becker of Pleasant Prairie, WI; Zachary Kalina and Rebecca Kalina of Omaha, Jacob Huebert, Andrea Huebert and Bryson Huebert of Omaha; Valentine Hartford and Troy Hartford of Medford, MA. Great grandsons Oliver and Mason Becker; sisters Leora Hartford of Waterloo, NE and Maureen Pollmann of Edina, MN.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Graveside Service

MAY 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Road  
Omaha, NE 68022

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard William Hartford*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - April 28, 2021 at 03:13 PM

VA

*Beautiful service! Thank you for having a live link allowing the opportunity for us to be with you. Prayers for you all as you mourn and celebrate your dad, my uncle. Love & Hugs!*

Valerie - May 01, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ *Richard William Hartford*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM

JP

“ *So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. I have many fond memories of the Hartford family from our growing-up days in Valley. Sorry we won't be able to attend the service. With our love and prayers,  
John & Trudy Peters*

John F Peters - April 30, 2021 at 05:58 PM

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“ Dana & Curren Webb (Fortress Wealth Advisors) purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Richard William Hartford.



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**Dana & Curren Webb (Fortress Wealth Advisors)** - April 30, 2021 at 01:44 PM

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**Jill Huebert** - April 29, 2021 at 05:06 PM

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**Jill Huebert** - April 29, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard William Hartford.



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April 28, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ On behalf of The American Legion Family of Elkhorn, we send caring thoughts to the family of Mr. Hartford for your sad loss. Richard is “Gone but Not Forgotten” by this organization of volunteers for Veterans, the Military and their families. The local American Legion Post can place a Memorial weekend flag or Marker on his grave.

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**Paula Pillen** - April 27, 2021 at 09:52 PM



“ Jill,  
So sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. But thrilled that he is free of pain and with your mom again. Love you bunches.  
Jenny Lundgren

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**Jenny Lundgren** - April 25, 2021 at 06:21 PM