



Richard William Slovek

January 6, 1927 - April 10, 2021

Memorials to Salvation Army or Ralston Fire Dept.

live stream at <https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1131819>

Rich graduated early from Omaha South High school and was drafted immediately by the United States Army. He was stationed in Germany. While serving for his country in World War II, he received the Medal of Honor and Victory Medal. Upon his return he married his high school sweetheart, Loretta, on September 25, 1948. Richard spent his working life as a cattle buyer. He loved his job. They bought their first house in Ralston NE and resided in Ralston until 1983. Rich served as a volunteer for the Ralston Fire Department and was an usher at St. Gerald's church. He played in the Men's Golf league. Loretta and Rich belonged to the Ralston Square Dance Club. Rich helped start the famous Ralston 4th of July parade. Rich and Loretta loved fishing. Rich enjoyed camping, Loretta not so much.

Rich and Loretta were blessed with five children. One of the things that Rich always stressed was the importance of education. Their goal was to have all 5 children graduate from college. They were very proud that the goal was achieved. They also stressed the importance of giving back. Both Rich and Loretta were very active in volunteering for a variety of different organizations. They passed this down to their children.

In 1983 Rich was transferred to North Platte, NE. They made lots of new friends, and found a lot of new fishing spots. Upon retirement they spent their days going to the rec center in the morning so he could swim, and then spent the rest of the day either golfing or fishing. Upon Loretta's death he decided to stay in North Platte. He had never cooked or cleaned before. He ended up making lots of phone calls to his daughters with questions, but managed to do well on his own.

With his eyesight failing and driving skills decreasing and no family left in North Platte, the children convinced him to move to Omaha. He resided at Lakeside for several years and enjoyed the indoor swimming pool (only if the water temp was at 90). Unfortunately, he fell and broke his hip and the swimming days were over. For the last several years he has resided at Brighton Gardens. His niece, Gina Hill knew how much he loved to get mail. For several years she would have her students be pen pals. Every week he would receive letters in the mail asking him questions about the past. We would write back. It was a win-win for all. He learned about things that he had never heard of (video games, ipad) and they learned about what it was like growing up in the depression.

No matter the circumstances, Rich always remained kind. He was known as that sweet old man who always had a cert in his pocket. It was always easy to trace where he was by following the cert wrappers.

His faith was important to him. Still attended mass every Saturday at Brighton Gardens until COVID-19. Those days of isolation were very difficult. He was always extremely social so being alone in his room was very difficult. He still managed to complain very little. He was known for his story telling, especially his Peep story. Was always a joy to be around. He will be dearly missed.

Preceded in death by parents Michael and Louise Slovek, brothers Robert, Jack, sister Mary Louise, spouse Loretta. Survived by sisters Doris Radicia, and Bette Slovek, sons Richard (Pam), John, daughters Sharon (Stan) Raber, Mary (Dan) Atha, and Theresa (Terry) Haack. 16 Grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Vigil

APR 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

APR 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
20405 W. Maple Rd.
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Graveside Service

APR 13. 1:15 PM (CT)

St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery
46th Street & Q
Omaha, NE 68102

Tribute Wall



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



Reichmuth Funeral Home - April 10, 2021 at 03:00 PM

JS

“ *I grew up with his son, Dick. He would take us with him on his job, as a cattle buyer, and we would hunt pheasants on the farms of his clients. He also took us on many trips fishing to S. Dakota. He was a great guy. John Schum*

John Schum - May 05, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ *Richard William Slovek*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM

DI

“ *Sharon and Stan, I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers as you navigate your feelings during this next chapter. Embrace and treasure those great memories.*

Diane Vacek

Diane - April 13, 2021 at 12:39 PM

BB

“ Rich was a devoted son, loving husband, and a very proud father. I recall how much he enjoyed it when others mentioned his resemblance to the actor Alan Ladd! May his memory be a blessing to his family and friends, as it is to me.

*Beth Ann Brooks
Lincoln, NE*

Beth Ann Brooks - April 12, 2021 at 11:57 PM

GF

“ God Bless, Kyle, Whitney, Londyn & Sloane Fagan purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard William Slovek.



God Bless, Kyle, Whitney, Londyn & Sloane Fagan - April 12, 2021 at 04:55 PM

DQ

“ Sorry for your loss.

Dan and Carol Quinn

Dan Quinn - April 12, 2021 at 10:45 AM