

## Richard 'Dick' Clark <sup>GH-R</sup> 10-7-2019

Dick Clark, 87, of Grinnell died on October 4, 2019, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A graveside service and burial is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 8th, at Rock Creek Cemetery, rural Jasper County, with Pastor Fred Berry officiating. Pallbearers are Chris Falk, Elliot Huff, Ray Hunter, Marilyn McCurry, Scott McGinnis and Buck Morrison. Honorary bearers are Dave Adkins, Larry Criswell, Billy Gilbreath, Roger Long, Bryan Morrison, Rex Murphy and Russ Sadler.

Visitation with the family present will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. prior to the service at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be designated to Poweshiek Animal League Shelter (PALS) or Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Dick was born on July 18, 1932, in Sioux City, the son of Orville and Edna Rinker Clark. His family moved to Grinnell when he was a young boy and he attended school in the Grinnell School District.

On October 10, 1949, he was united in marriage with Marilyn June Arthur, in Grinnell. A union of 65 years! The couple was married young, worked hard and stuck together through many years to build a strong and loving marriage; they knew what they meant to each other.

They moved to and owned a farm in the Unionville, Missouri, area for a few years and then decided to return to Grinnell to make their home.

Throughout his life Dick knew the value of hard work. This included working at Candyland, delivering groceries for Westside Market, and also being employed at Maytag in Newton. In the 1960s, he and his good friend Cocky Wilson owned and operated the Rite Spot, a local tavern near the former Monroe Hotel. They later started a painting business, Wilson and Clark Painting, and kept busy painting houses, barns and silos wherever the job market took them. When Wilson decided to take over the bar business, Dick's brother, Dean returned from California and the business was changed to Clark Brothers Painting, a well-known and reputable business in the Grinnell area for many years. The company employed a lot of different people over the years, but Dick was most proud to have worked with his grandson, Buck Morrison, for over 20 years.

Dick enjoyed camping with family and friends, playing cards, and riding his motorcycle when he was young; Marilyn knew how to ride, too! He was kind-hearted and caring to many, but was also known to have a stubborn side. He was well loved and will be missed!

Marilyn suffered from Alzheimer's the last years of her life before passing away in 2015. Dick was a daily morning visitor, always bringing her coffee and making the best of sharing the long good-bye. His love and support for her was very evident.

Survivors include his children, Linda (Ray) Hunter of Kellogg, Carla (Denny) Rankin of Lineville, and Patty Clark of Grinnell; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Clark of Grinnell; a sister-in-law, Margaret Clark of Grinnell; 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marilyn; his son, Dickie; a granddaughter, Sara Rankin Walkup; and his brother, Dean.

