



Richard C. "Dick" Bauer

June 10, 1945 - December 25, 2015

Richard Carl Bauer, 70 of Polk died December 25, 2015 at Bryan West Hospital in Lincoln. Services will be at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday, December 30 at Community Bible Church in Central City with the Rev. Dale Janzen officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, December 29 from 5-7 P.M. at Solt funeral home in Polk. Burial will be at 2:00 P.M. at Arborville Cemetery following the service.

Dick was born June 10, 1945 to Carl and Grace (Pollard) Bauer in Cambridge, Nebraska. At age seven he responded to the gospel and accepted Christ as his personal savior. He grew up in rural Cambridge until his family moved to Longmont, CO when he was twelve years old. He graduated from Longmont High School in 1963 and later attended Rockmont Bible College where he and Lorraine met. He graduated from Colorado Christian College in Denver with degrees in Bible and music.

Dick and Lorraine were married June 22, 1968 at the First Baptist Church in Polk. Two sons were born to this union. Dick held a variety of jobs during their early years of marriage working for the U.S. Post Office, the Army Ammunition Plant, and a newspaper press. In 1976 the family moved to Hastings where he took training to become a licensed nursing home administrator. He served homes in Central City, Holdrege, Plattsmouth, and Fairmont. He often served churches needing an interim or part-time pastor and served as Chaplain at Midwest Covenant Home in Stromsburg. Prior to Dick's retirement, he worked as executive director of Midland Area on Aging in Hastings, overseeing eight

counties of senior centers and services to the elderly.

Dick's retirement years were spent in Polk, NE where he pastored the Evangelical Free Church for six years and drove a school bus for High Plains Community School. He was a "people person" and had a way of touching lives with his smile and humor. His deep desire was to point others to Christ.

Among his greatest loves were his children, precious grandkids, singing duets with Lorraine, eating anything chocolate, doing word games and his bus kids. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister-in-law, Joyce Bauer and a brother-in-law, Norm Recknor.

Survivors left to cherish his memory are his wife, Lorraine of Polk, two sons and a daughter-in-law L. David and Nicole Bauer of Polk, NE; Travis Bauer of Ft. Collins, CO; three grandchildren, Layne Bauer, John Bauer, Serena Bauer of Polk, NE; two sisters, Faith Young of Branson, MO; Beverly Bauer of Stromsburg, NE; one brother, Kenneth Bauer of Springfield, MO; two brother-in-law, John Recknor of Bennet, NE; Lance Recknor (Charlotte) of Central City NE; nieces and nephews and a host of friends. He will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers, memorials per desire of Dick may be sent to the family to help support his favorite charities.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home
Polk, NE

Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Community Bible Church
403 F Avenue
Central City, NE 68826

Burial

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Arborville Cemetery
Polk, NE

Tribute Wall

KI

“ Grant and Chantz were very blessed to have Dick in their lives. They do miss him. He really made a difference in their lives.
Kim Stuhmer

Kim - January 21, 2016 at 12:15 PM

PM

“ Phillip And Linda Musser lit a candle in memory of Richard C. "Dick" Bauer



Phillip and Linda Musser - December 30, 2015 at 02:56 PM

PM

Sorry to hear of Dick's passing our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Phillip and Linda Musser - December 30, 2015 at 02:58 PM

ML

“ Loraine,
So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Even though we were not in touch for some time, I always felt like you guys were special to our family. It meant so much to Mom when you visited her.

God bless you during this difficult time.

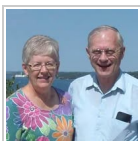
Merle Lantzer

Merle Lantzer - December 30, 2015 at 09:18 AM

CA

“ To the family of Dick Bauer! We got to know Dick as a part time driver for Ryde Transportation in Aurora. Wish we could have had more driving stories to share, but other meetings we had were at the Dairy Queen in Central City on Taco Tuesday. Even though we didn't know each other well, we were blessed even on the brief occasions where we did have that privilege. Our prayers will be with you! Chuck n Ruby Andersen

Chuck n Ruby Andersen - December 30, 2015 at 02:46 AM



“ Always cheerful and a valued colleague...will miss Dick very much.
-Bob Greenwall

Bob Greenwall - December 29, 2015 at 06:38 PM

KS

“ The last time I saw you we were hugging good bye I said "I love you little brother" and you said "I love you too, but I'm not your little brother any more". I had to laugh as you were bent down, and I was reaching up.

Ken Bauer Sr - December 29, 2015 at 05:31 PM

DT

“ I was saddened to learn of Dick's passing. It was a joy to work with him at Midland Area Agency on Aging; he was always bright and cheerful as well as kind and mindful of the needs of others. Sincere sympathy to Lorraine and all the family.
DeAnna Tuttle

DeAnna Tuttle - December 29, 2015 at 12:45 PM

EN

“ *Lorraine,
So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. We remember the joy you and
Dick shared through your music and personalities.
Dick was of a gentle spirit.*

*Our prayers are with you and your family.
Eldon and Pat Nelsen*

But as it is written:

*"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of
man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 1
Cor. 2:9*

Eldon Nelsen - December 29, 2015 at 09:57 AM

KP

“ *I was so saddened to hear of Dick's passing. He was pastor at First
Baptist in Hordville when I met him. He was a comfort to me when
my brother was killed in a farm accident, he wrote a very nice tribute
to Kevin that I will always remember. He had such a big heart, how
he loved people and loved helping and serving others. I always
enjoyed visiting with him whenever I ran into him at work or around
town! Enjoy your beautiful eternity with your Lord Dick! We will miss
you!*

Karla Person - December 29, 2015 at 08:53 AM

 Connie
Ziemba

“ *Lorraine & family, So sorry to hear about Pastor Bauer. He was
such a wonderful man. I will never forget our time out at Camp
Ceders with my Mom(Dorothy Morris) & I. I wonder if my Mom was
waiting at heaven's doors with some fried chicken. Lol our deepest
sympathy, Mike & Connie Ziemba*

Connie Ziemba - December 28, 2015 at 09:47 PM

RL

“ Dear Lorraine and family,
Pam and I wish to send our deepest sympathies on the sad news of Dick's passing.

Our Sympathy,
Russell and Pamela Lindholm,
San Antonio, Tx.

russty lindholm - December 28, 2015 at 08:59 PM

JS

“ Lorraine,
I enjoyed so much your and Dick's friendship when you lived in Hastings. It was a privilege and always a joy to sing with Dick and to get to know him when we were on the Worship team at Berean. I loved his heart for the Lord and for people. I am keeping you in my prayers as I know you and the whole family will miss him very much.

JoAnn Schakat - December 28, 2015 at 03:35 PM

DA

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family since the loss of your beloved husband. Dick had such a love for the Lord and it showed in his serving others. His battle is over and now he is at peace in his heavenly home. I will not be able to attend the funeral but you are in my prayers. The Lord hold you up on his everlasting arms and give you strength during this difficult time.

Dee Anderson

Dee anderson - December 28, 2015 at 02:00 PM

RT

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

From Employees of RYDE Transit

RYDE Transit - December 28, 2015 at 10:20 AM

AM

“ *Lorraine and Family,*
Like a host of friends and acquaintances, Cheryl and I grieve your loss. We were privileged to have Dick and his family at First Baptist Church in Polk when I served there and will always remember his positive attitude, his constant support, and his gentle manner. Dick will be remembered for his smile ... a smile that conveyed the joy Jesus had planted within his soul. Dick had a long resume and broad experience, but whether pastor, chaplain, administrator, or guest musician, Dick approached it with the same gentle, caring devotion to Jesus and the people God had called him to serve. I am sorry that we are out of town and will not be able to attend the services; Dick is a friend and we will miss him. We pray that God will strengthen and comfort you in this time of grief. John 14:1-4
Cheryl and Al Magnuson

Al Magnuson - December 28, 2015 at 09:54 AM

CF

“ *Lorraine and Family,*
I am so sorry for your loss. When I was a "new nurse", my first job was at Bethesda care Center in Central City, Dick was the administrator. I am thankful every day for this. He was the kindest, most gentle, caring man I could have known. This was Dick every day of his life. I know that he loved his Lord and lived it every day. I will certainly miss seeing and visiting with him. God Bless you all.

Connie Flodman - December 28, 2015 at 08:45 AM

MT

“ How can your heart hurt and be joyful at the same time? Mine is, thinking about not being able to see, talk to, and laugh with Dick again but knowing he is where he wants to be with His Jesus. My life would have been so different without his and Lorraine's influence in my life. I'm sorry that I will not be able to attend either the service or visitation, but want you all to know that I am praying for all of you. May comfort and peace find its way into your hearts.

Myla Thompson

Myla Thompson - December 27, 2015 at 06:44 PM

JM

“ Dick was a powerful mentor to me. He taught me so much and I was truly blessed to have him in my life. My sympathies to his family, I know he will be missed.

Jane Clifton Meyers

Jane Clifton Meyers - December 27, 2015 at 12:12 AM