

OBITUARIES

Richard 'Dick' Fiddelke, 64

Richard "Dick" Fiddelke, 64, of 405 Summit Street, Marshalltown was called to his heavenly home late Saturday night, January 10th, at the University of Nebraska Hospitals in Omaha. His death came peacefully at 11:40 p.m. with his family at his side. His battle now over from first being diagnosed with cancer in 1999.

He will be laid to rest in the Hillside Cemetery at State Center.

Born on November 6th, 1939, at his family home near Primghar (Liberty Township) in O'Brien County, Iowa, he was the only son of Herbert and Luella Sophia (Hoppe) Fiddelke. He received his education there until age ten, when his parents moved to Spencer. He graduated from the Spencer High School's Class of 1959. Dick was an honored member of the FFA, receiving the Iowa and American Star Farmer Awards. He also received his education at Iowa State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science in 1969, and was working on his Master's Degree.

On June 3rd, 1961, he was united in marriage to Lola Mincer at Spencer. They made their home in many different communities including Oakland, Iowa, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Peoria, IL., Wilson, N.C., Spencer, Ames, Washington, Atlantic, West Des Moines, Ralston, Terrill, Griswold, Manning and most recently Marshalltown in 2000.

He was a hardworking gentleman whose expertise was in

agriculture, working in that field in the many communities they called home including the feed division of Cargill, Voc-Ag Teaching and Cooperative management. Most recently in West Des Moines, he worked for senior housing, Mercy Hospital in environmental services and Dahl's Food Store on Fleur Drive. In Marshalltown, he was employed with Ron Fisher Furniture. Any of the places they called home, he was a faithful member of the Baptist Church and has now found Center Street Baptist as his church family.

Dick will be fondly remembered as a loving family man who had a great sense of humor, was always uplifting even in illness, dearly enjoyed agriculture and John Deere Tractors, fixing things, baking banana bread and muffins and was a very faithful and patient man.

Left to mourn his loss are his loving wife of 42 years, Lola, and five beloved daughters and their families: Monica Jessen (children James, Jeffrey, Jennifer and Josie) of West Des Moines, Michelle Salmon (husband Eric, children Caitlin, Benjamin and Allison) of Des Moines, Melody Berns (companion Michael White and children Jessica, Emily and Cody) of State Center, Melanie Fiscus (husband Derek, and child Jasper) of Marshalltown and Millette Shores (husband Michael, and child Claire Gregory) of Des Moines, and a host of friends.

In death, he has rejoined his parents.