



Rick David Hibbs

November 29, 1950 - December 13, 2024

Rick David Hibbs, born on November 29, 1950, in Marshalltown, Iowa, was the cherished son of Richard and Doris Hibbs of Conrad, Iowa. He spent his childhood on a farm in rural Grundy County, where he developed a lifelong appreciation for hard work and community. Rick graduated from Beaman-Conrad High School and later earned a degree from Iowa State University in Ames. Known for his kindness and warm personality, Rick made lifelong friends, some of whom called him weekly for decades.

From an early age, Rick exemplified a strong work ethic, learning the values of perseverance and dedication while helping his father on the family farm. He was driving a tractor by the age of five and assisting with livestock chores—even shoveling snow taller than he was. Later, Rick managed the family farm, earning recognition in publications like *The Wall Street Journal*, where he was quoted on the challenges of market fluctuations. He also served on the Grundy National Bank Board, representing the interests of farmers in his community.

Rick's adventurous spirit took him far beyond the fields of Iowa. Before settling down, he traveled extensively across Europe, Southeast Asia, Australia, and Bali. He taught school in Indonesia, worked on a sheep station in Australia, and embraced activities like skiing, skydiving, hot air ballooning, and dancing. Wherever he went, Rick made friends and left lasting impressions.

In 1984, Rick fell in love with Marilyn Koger Evans and her children, Kelly and Brian Evans. The couple married on August 10, 1984—a day Rick always described as the best decision of his life. Together, they built a loving home in Ankeny, Iowa, where Rick managed several businesses, including a handyman and kitchen remodeling franchise, and agricultural sales and while also managing the family farm .

After retiring, Rick and Marilyn relocated to The Villages, Florida, where Rick embraced his new community with enthusiasm. He organized a neighborhood bocce league, nurtured friendships throughout the neighborhood, and transformed his yard into a stunning botanical garden. Even as he battled cancer later in life, Rick's determination and Marilyn's steadfast care shone brightly.

Rick is survived by his devoted wife, Marilyn Hibbs; his son, Brian Evans, and wife Be; his daughter, Kelly Barge, and husband Dave; and his grandchildren, Brian Phan (wife Rickelle), Steven Phan (wife Chau), Diana Phan, and Zane Shoning. He also leaves behind great-grandchildren Jade and Owen Phan, as well as his sisters, Kristy Hibbs Burr (and husband Steve Burr) and Diane Hibbs Lydgate as well and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his grandparents, and his in-laws.

Rick's absence leaves a deep void in the lives of those who knew and loved him. His legacy of kindness, hard work, and adventure will forever be remembered.

Memorials may be sent to fundraise.moffitt.org (Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, FL) or your local hospice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rick David Hibbs*



Beyers Funeral Home - December 17, 2024 at 01:51 PM

MD

Always a great and friendly person

Michael Damon - May 01, 2025 at 04:16 PM

KB

Gone too soon

Kristy Hibbs Burr - June 14, 2025 at 06:59 PM

DH

“ *Rick and I were cousins, and spent some time together as youth. I was saddened by his loss, but proud of the positive impact he left in whatever community he lived in. That was simply the type of person he was!!*



Dr. Charles (Chuck, Buster) Hovey - January 17, 2025 at 11:05 PM

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Kristy Hibbs Burr - December 28, 2024 at 02:59 PM

JM

“ I remember meeting Rick for the first time, it was at an IOWA Ski Club party. I made Marilyn go with me, she was hesitant I 😬 think. He was purposely dressed as a guy from the American Graffiti movie. Who knew they would fall in love, Marty for 40 years!!

Jeanne Murphy - December 24, 2024 at 07:42 PM

JB

“ Rick was a good friend at BCL high school. He along with Kevin Smith, Glen Eggers and I (Jim Boston) went on a very memorable canoe trip in Canada after graduation in the summer of 69! RIP Rick!

Jim Boston - December 22, 2024 at 03:44 PM

TF

“ The Dooley and The Thompson family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rick David Hibbs.



The Dooley and The Thompson family. - December 21, 2024 at 06:15 PM

EL

“ Sending lots of love to everyone. I appreciated a lot how Rick took such good care of my mom - it really meant a lot to me and my brother. My mom held him up as a paragon of goodness and never once said a bad word about him. So even though we didn't see him much, he still cared for us and supported us. The level of love and respect he received from his family was really remarkable to me. I also have fun memories of hanging out with him in Iowa. I once brought my college boyfriend to Iowa and Rick let us try to drive the combine but it didn't go so well, we took out a bunch of beans. I don't think college boyfriend was cut out for it. I liked hearing Rick's travel stories from his younger days - I still remember some of them. I know he will be greatly missed and I'm sorry he had to go.

Emily Lydgate - December 20, 2024 at 05:05 PM

KB

“Rick was the best stepdad I could have ever asked for. When we met him for the first time he tricked me into thinking I was moving the side mirrors on his car. I had never seen power mirrors before. He told me to point my finger at them and they would move (then he would move them). It was magic and I was amazed. He built a doghouse for our dog when we moved up to Conrad. He helped my cat deliver kittens and years later sat with her when she died while we were away at college. Even though this cat attacked his Adam's apple and his manhood. She was a great hunter.

When I was in junior high my mom was getting her master's degree and Rick, and I would take turns cooking. When it was Rick's night to cook, he would take me to dinner at That Place (a local restaurant). His night to cook was my favorite.

He equipped me with the life skills to become an independent woman. He encouraged us to try new things, like scuba diving & snorkeling. When I wanted to bungee jump in Mexico, he sat in the seat next to me and did it too. He was protective of me just like a father should be. He was the definition of selfless. He will forever be in my heart and so greatly missed.

Kelly Barge - December 19, 2024 at 02:41 PM

RM

Marilyn and family, Fred and I are so sorry to hear about Rick's death. We didn't know him that long but felt fortunate that we got to know both of you. We always enjoyed the times that we were with you. Thinking of you during this difficult time of loss. Robin and Fred Maharry, West Des Moines, IA.

Robin Maharry - January 04, 2025 at 11:22 AM

DE

“ *What a beautiful tribute to a warm, generous, talented, loving man. You both sure have taken hold of our hearts. It is still surreal he has traveled onto his new adventure. To think.... our lives changed for the better because Bogart stole Loki's ball. We are forever grateful to Bogart for his stubborn hold on the ball. It started the most wonderful loving friendship. Much Love and Peace to Marilyn and their family, Mike, Debi, Bogart and Freckles*



Debi Evans - December 19, 2024 at 08:35 AM

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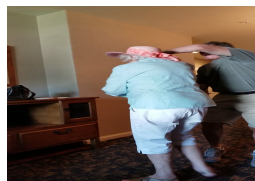
“ Rick was my big brother. The Executive Editor of Time magazine did a TED talk on who shapes our lives the most. He said your parents leave too soon and your children come too late. It is your siblings that are there for the arc of your whole life. They may shape you negatively or push you to be independent or cynical. My brother, Rick, protected me and guided me. He taught me how to drive, how to talk to boys, how to demand respect, how to move on after making a mistake, how to laugh, how a family supports one another, and how to step up. He never told me, " I told you so," even though he did. He moved me eight times. It was solid and funny and the president of my booster club. I was so lucky.



Kris Hibbs Burr - December 18, 2024 at 11:53 PM

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Kris Hibbs Burr - December 18, 2024 at 11:33 PM

SP

“ Love you and miss you Grandpa. You have been a big part of my life and I am forever grateful. All the time we spent together will always be in my heart. You were the only grandfather I had, and I couldn't have been luckier to have you around. Rest in peace Grandpa.



Steven Phan - December 18, 2024 at 09:22 PM

KJ

“ When we first met Rick as Marilyn started dating him, I really looked him over. I told Marilyn that he was really nice , but he needed to lose wearing the socks with the sandals! (It was not cool back in the day) Rick always showed me his socks for my approval! He called and talked to me right before Thanksgiving and his typical manner he was more interested in asking about my family, not telling me his health problems. He will be missed. Karen and Joe Johnson

Karen Johnson - December 18, 2024 at 09:21 PM

BE

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Brian Evans - December 18, 2024 at 08:53 PM

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Brian Evans - December 18, 2024 at 08:26 PM

BE

“ Still trying to process this, wishing it were just a bad dream.

You were honest, trusting, giving, and kind—someone people naturally gravitated toward. You embraced life fearlessly in every way, every day. For the past 41 years, you opened your heart to this family without hesitation, even when the road was far from easy or perfect.

You led by example—always speaking your mind, being an open book, and teaching us not to carry life’s baggage everywhere we go. You were always willing to help, even when it was inconvenient, and though no one is perfect, you came as close as anyone could.

You’ve impacted my life and this family in profoundly positive ways, and your absence is already deeply felt. I miss you more than these few words can say.

Brian Evans - December 18, 2024 at 06:14 PM

DN

“ I grew up in the Conrad farming community and was in Rick's high school graduating class of 1969. Rick was always a prominent guy in those years and he obviously went on to be a positive influence in the lives of many. What a great video to show his many interests, adventurous spirit, and the love of family and friends for him. RIP Rick.

Donna (McAllister) Nelson - December 18, 2024 at 07:00 AM

BJ

“ So sorry to hear about Rick's passing. I worked with Rick when he was on the Grundy National Bank board. He was a leader, always thinking of new ways to help people, and very generous with his talents. He will be missed. May he rest in peace.

Bob Johanns - December 17, 2024 at 05:23 PM

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Kelly Barge - December 17, 2024 at 02:39 PM

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Kelly Barge - December 17, 2024 at 02:31 PM