



R.C. "Dick" Freed

July 22, 1925 - December 2, 2020

R.C. "Dick" Freed of Scottish Rite Park in Des Moines, Iowa got his wings December 2, 2020 at age 95. A private memorial will be held at the Dayton Memorial Cemetery Friday, December 11, where Dick and Eloise Freed's ashes will be interred together. A public memorial will be announced later.

Richard Chandler Freed was born on July 22, 1925 at home on RR1 Ft. Dodge, Iowa to Maye and Earnest Freed. He had two older brothers. He graduated from Burnside High School in 1942. Dick enlisted in the Navy and served in WWII. After serving, he worked in the Union Trust & Savings Bank in Burnside. In 1948, Dick met Eloise Matthews and they were married six months later. They lived in Burnside where Dick became bank manager and they had their first daughter, Jann, followed by their second daughter, Brenda. Dick collected coins and also old cars, including a 1929 Model A Ford he restored. Dick and Eloise enjoyed drives, with their daughters in the rumble seat.

Dick worked in the bank for 31 years where he also sold insurance through his R.C. "Dick" Freed Insurance Agency. A lover of numbers, he relished investing and trading. He retired at age 55 and enjoyed 32 years in Mesa, AZ. During "retirement" Dick got his real estate license and sold Arizona real estate.

Dick was a Shriner for 50 years, including the Des Moines Za-Ga-Zig Nomads, and then Ft. Dodge Zags motorcycle clubs. He was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church. Dick loved having fun, whether playing the organ, bowling, golfing, swimming or dancing with Eloise.

In 2010 Dick and Eloise moved to Scottish Rite Park in Des Moines to be close to their daughter Jann and family. He continued to be active and always greeted residents and staff with a smile.

Dick and Eloise enjoyed traveling throughout North America in their motor home. They also visited Europe and China. One of many cruises included the inter costal waterway of Alaska with their family in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Dick celebrated 70 years of marriage to Eloise before her death in 2018.

Dick is survived by his daughter Jann Freed and husband John Fisher (Des Moines) and three grandsons, MacLean (and Jessica Barrett, Brooklyn, NY), Marshall (San Francisco, CA) and Austin (Des Moines), daughter Brenda Freed and husband Michael D'Eath

(Albert, TX), sister-in-law Georgia Freed, cousin Maxine Freed (both Fort Dodge) and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Dorence and Chuck, and his wife Eloise.

Please consider a donation to Immanuel Lutheran Church in memory of Dick Freed, and send to Gunderson Funeral Home, 1615 N. 15th St., Ft. Dodge, IA 50501.

Comments



“ Dear Jann, Brenda and family...We are so sorry to hear that you dear father has passed. He was a wonderful man and will be remembered warmly by everyone. I will never forget that he had offered to get me (Linda) delivered to the hospital on his snowmobile, if I went into labor during a blizzard in Jan.1971. !! Luckily we didn't need to bother him ...but was very nice to know he was there in an emergency! May your memories comfort you at this sad time. We're thinking of you all. Love, Glenn and Linda Price

Linda Price - December 07, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ What a nice story. Thanks for sharing the memory.

Jann Freed - December 10, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ Thank you, Linda. What a nice story about my dad! Thanks for sharing.

Brenda - December 20, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ Brenda and Michael, I'm so very sorry for your loss. It's always hard to say goodbye, but let that smile of your Dad's forever remind you of his love! Peace to you all.
Nancy

nancy - December 07, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ Thanks Nancy for the nice note. Jann

Jann Freed - December 10, 2020 at 05:42 PM



“ Thank you, Nancy. Yep, he had a great smile and it certainly got captured in this photograph.

Brenda - December 20, 2020 at 09:41 PM