



Dick Gamble

September 27, 1938 - August 11, 2013

Dr. Richard Thomas Gamble, age 74, of Spirit Lake and The Villages, Florida, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, August 11, 2013, at Cornerstone Hospice in The Villages, Florida, after a long battle with Renal Cell Carcinoma.

Dick was born on September 27, 1938, in Estherville, Iowa, to Gifford L. and Eunice M. (Thomas) Gamble. He spent his childhood in Spirit Lake, Iowa, and graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1956, then went to Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, and graduated from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry in 1963. Dick served as a dentist in the United States Navy Dental Corps, assigned to the First Marine Division FMF Pacific stationed at Camp Pendleton, California. He then entered private practice of dentistry.

Dick was united in marriage to Ann Louise Harms on June 24, 1961, in Alden, Iowa. They celebrated fifty years of marriage in 2011.

Dick practiced family dentistry in Milford, Iowa, for two years and Cedar Falls, Iowa, until he retired in 1998. He was an active member and officer in many dental organizations including the Black Hawk Dental Society, the Waterloo District Dental Society and the Iowa Dental Association. He earned his Fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry.

Dick was active in many civic and charitable organizations, including Lions Club and Kiwanis. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake and Cedar Falls, and the New Covenant United Methodist Church in The Villages, Florida. During his retirement years, Dick enjoyed bicycling, fishing, hunting, shooting sporting clays, woodcarving and traveling.

Dick is survived by his wife, Ann Gamble of The Villages, Florida; son, Scott Richard Gamble, and his wife, Jolynn of Edina, Minnesota; daughter, Linda Ann (Gamble) Braly, and her husband, Damon of Prairie Village, Kansas; and four grandchildren, Madeleine and Reid Gamble of Edina, Minnesota, and Stella and Elizabeth Braly of Prairie Village, Kansas. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Gordon Gamble; and his sister, Janice (Gamble) Clark.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00A.M. Saturday, August 31, 2013, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the University of Iowa Dental College or the Gamble/Thomas Scholarship at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake.

Tribute Wall

JN

“ I met Dick online through the Acor Renal Cell as I am a patient in remission. Talking with Dick I know he faced his illness with courage and a matter of factness. Being a medical professional, he was very good at researching and would pass that valuable information on to the group, helping other patients. God bless his family and friends.

Jon Nylen - September 05, 2013 at 10:03 PM

JF

“ Dear Ann and Family,
Judy and I were saddened to hear of Dick's passing and we send you our heartfelt sympathy. We are unable to be there today for the celebration of his life but we want you to know that we are with you all in spirit.

Dick was not only my dentist but also a true friend. Our 'sense of humor' meshed so well and my trips for dental work with him was always a high point and, yes, fun!

I will always remember that he detected and named a certain 'tooth problem' that I had ... as.. "Jogger's Tooth". We always had a good laugh over his diagnosis and proclamation of 'first Jogger's Tooth' diagnosis.

Dick was my best dentist ever and I appreciate so much his skill as a dentist and his outgoing and jovial chair-side manner.

My best to you and your family, Ann.

Much love, John (and Judy) Focht

John/judy Focht - August 31, 2013 at 07:35 AM

LS

“ So very sorry to read about Dick's passing, Ann, and want you to know we are thinking of you and your family. Dean and I have some great memories of laughter and fun being with you both.. A bus ride to "The Old Field House" to see a Hawkeye Basketball game and playing betting games on the score that Dick & Dan had made up and everyone's saying, "What?"... Going to the "Shell Rock Swing Show" and watching Dick laugh and clap and shake his head not quite believing he's actually there...Attending a dental meeting in AZ and hearing "loud comments" from Dick when I got off at MSP and everyone else had a long layover for the late flight to Waterloo. Dick was always so inquisitive, thoughtful, and fun to be with; and you, Ann, would always grin at him, showing your love. May God's promise of eternal life give you comfort and peace.

Linda & Dean Sheller - August 30, 2013 at 08:21 PM

JL

“ Dear Ann and family,

Dick was a wonderful presence in John's life over many years and we regret that John's health keeps us from joining you in Spirit Lake. Even though personal visits were not possible these last few years, we greatly enjoyed seeing the photos of your activities and family. We are so happy that you got to have so many special experiences. We know your personal strength, great memories, and family and friends will all give you comfort at this time. Please accept our love and condolences.

John and Lynette - August 29, 2013 at 01:44 PM

MC

“ I "met" Dick through the Kidney ACOR group when my husband was diagnosed with RCC? I will always remember his calming, positive responses to my concerns. Warm thoughts and hugs to your family at this time.

Marianne Cashman - August 17, 2013 at 06:31 PM

JN

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family. We were very saddened to learn of Dick's passing. We knew him for years, via email forum from the ACOR group. Dick was an exceptional person - so sharing, intelligent and kind.

Jim & Peggy Nyeholt - August 17, 2013 at 12:37 PM

SL

“ We are thinking of you at this sad time, Ann and family. We remember Dick from activities from the United Methodist Church of Spirit Lake, Iowa. He was a wonderful and caring man. Take care and see you at the memorial service.

Stan and Colleen Lemkuil - August 15, 2013 at 06:49 PM

KS

“ So sorry to hear about Dr. Gambles death, we were patients of his in Cedar Falls. We had a great relationship with him and wife Ann. He was a very good dentist always made you feel at ease and confident in his skills. He loved Spirit Lake and we know he will be at rest not having to fight the cancer anymore. The big C is Christ in your life not the cancer and he was a great Christian man. Take care Ann. love karen

Karen/Larry Steffens - August 15, 2013 at 12:02 PM

TP

“ I just want you to know that Dr. Gamble was a great dentist. I was a patient that whole time he was in Cedar Falls and still think of him. He once sent had his staff send me a post card from a dental convention from Hawaii. I had told him I was jealous. It was just that little bit extra that made him great. My sympathy to all of you.
Terry Phillips

Terry Phillips - August 15, 2013 at 10:16 AM

MR

“ Dick Gamble

Melanie Harms Raulerson - August 14, 2013 at 07:20 AM

SC

“ Christmas in the Villages. Family lotto ticket scratch off. Great fun!

Scott - August 13, 2013 at 08:46 AM