



Richard "Kirk" Ewen

July 8, 1952 - June 13, 2019

Richard "Kirk" Ewen, 66, of Arnolds Park passed away on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at his home.

Family will greet friends from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Burial will take place in the Okoboji Cemetery in Arnolds Park.

Kirk was born on July 8, 1952 to Richard "Skip" and Dorothy (Wilson) Ewen. He graduated from Arnolds Park High School in 1970. Upon graduation he worked for his father Skip's construction business eventually taking it over until his retirement. Kirk was united in marriage to Virginia Quinn on February 12, 1977 in Spencer, IA.

Kirk loved the outdoors and passed this love onto his sons. His summers consisted of fishing and he could often be seen heading out before the sun came up in his beloved Crestliner boat. Fall consisted of duck and pheasant hunting whenever possible until the ice was "officially" frozen then ice fishing season would begin.

Kirk was known as the Iowa Great Lakes "iceologist". A tradition was started in 1916 by his great-grandmother Lou Wilson of keeping track of the ice freeze and thaw dates on East and West Okoboji. Lou passed this duty onto her son Harry "Zeke" Wilson who then passed it onto Kirk in 1994 who carried it through the rest of his life.

Kirk would do anything for his boys and loved more than anything teaching them how to hunt and fish. Karl and Alex started accompanying their dad at

an early age spending nights in the duck boat and evenings in his Ice Shack. They could often be seen following their dad through the cattails on the many public hunting grounds chasing after that elusive rooster.

Kirk would also build and design anything for his family. Whether it was the numerous bird houses or being the resident handyman, Kirk could do it all. He is survived by his wife Virginia Ewen of Arnolds Park; sons Karl Ewen of Spirit Lake; Alex Ewen of Estherville; granddaughter Clarabelle and sister Cynthia of California. He was preceded in death by his parents Skip and Dorothy along with his sister Susan.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Robinson Funeral Home - June 18, 2019 at 11:45 AM

VK

“ *So sorry to hear about Kirk. We were classmates since kindergarten. My sincere sympathies to Kirk's family. Vickie (Faulkner) Kane*



Vickie (Faulkner) Kane - June 18, 2019 at 10:50 PM

PH

“ *My thoughts are with you Virginia and the Ewen family.*

Pat Holdorf - June 18, 2019 at 06:51 AM

DO

“ *Virginia,
I am so sorry. You and your family have my sincere condolences.*

Donna Osher - June 17, 2019 at 05:31 PM

LL

“ *Lisa Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Lisa Lloyd - June 17, 2019 at 05:03 PM

NL

“ *Nancy Alexander Louscher lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Nancy Alexander Louscher - June 17, 2019 at 04:43 PM

AE

“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Alex Ewen - June 17, 2019 at 06:53 AM

BT

“ *Bruce Thompson lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Bruce Thompson - June 16, 2019 at 10:27 PM

JB

“ *Jim Annie Bauer lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Jim Annie Bauer - June 16, 2019 at 07:53 PM

ME

“ *Missie Theodosen & Mike "Ernie" Eddy lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Missie Theodosen & Mike "Ernie" Eddy - June 16, 2019 at 07:22 PM

SG

“ *Ice in, Ice out is the call of the Wilson Clan and Kirk you handled the tradition to a tee, thank you for the Official yearly reports, tradition is a gift to be treasured and God Bless you Kirk, for the love of "Okoboja" as my Wilson family shared too, Arnolds Park a heritage to be remembered with gusto. God Bless the family of Kirk Ewen*

Sharon Kay Wilson Godfrey - June 15, 2019 at 05:56 PM

KD

“ *Karla Dougherty lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Karla Dougherty - June 15, 2019 at 05:38 PM

JF

“ *Janine Gapinski And Family lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Janine Gapinski and family - June 15, 2019 at 02:21 PM

TE

“ *Terry lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Terry - June 15, 2019 at 10:37 AM

TM

and Jan Menefee

Terry and Jan Menefee - June 15, 2019 at 10:37 AM

DL

“ *Danny And Mary Little lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Danny and Mary Little - June 15, 2019 at 08:06 AM

JS

“ John Smith lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen



John Smith - June 15, 2019 at 07:26 AM

NM

“ Norm Meinking lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen



Norm Meinking - June 14, 2019 at 10:48 PM

JU

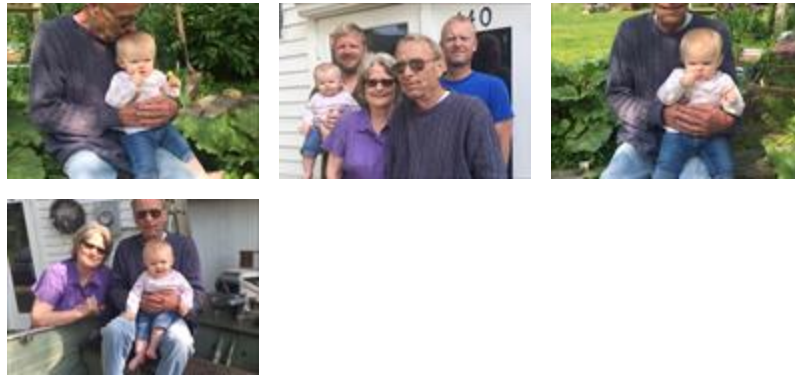
“ John & Marlys Unrau lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen



John & Marlys Unrau - June 14, 2019 at 04:23 PM

AE

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Alex Ewen - June 14, 2019 at 03:21 PM


Teresa
Moore

Wonderful pictures! So glad you took them!

Teresa Moore - June 14, 2019 at 06:14 PM

AE

“ 48 files added to the album Memories Album



Alex Ewen - June 14, 2019 at 03:05 PM

JJ

These are wonderful!

judi johnson - June 14, 2019 at 05:56 PM

JJ

*so very sorry this happened
Many good memories with the Ewens , Underwood's, Leiss ' n Davis'.
Prior to kids - the feeds especially taco night where Kirk won the
contest. Hunting n fishing n golfing- Okoboja license plate . A friend
gone too soon. Blessings to the family .
Prayers.
Virg n I with the 4 kids while Jon n Kirk were fishing . Love to all.*

judi johnson - June 14, 2019 at 06:02 PM

WM

*My heartfelt sympathy to the family of such a good friend. I will never
forget our time together in California. Kirk, Steve Lindsey and myself on
our own in the big city. RIP Kirk.*

Wes McAmis - June 15, 2019 at 11:14 AM

MD

“ *Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley lit a candle in
memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley - June 14, 2019 at 03:04 PM

IS

“ *Irma Schaffer lit a candle in memory of
Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Irma Schaffer - June 14, 2019 at 12:03 PM

DS

“ *Dave Sander lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Dave Sander - June 14, 2019 at 08:11 AM

MT

“ *Melissa Theodosen lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Melissa Theodosen - June 14, 2019 at 08:07 AM

DD

“ *Our thoughts are with the family of Kirk Ewen. Our memories go back 50 years when we were "Honorary Park Rats!" and the whole gang had many adventures together. Our prayers are with you. Dan & Shirley Dickinson*

Dan & Shirley Dickinson - June 14, 2019 at 07:25 AM

RA

“ *Ray And Colleen Anderson lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Ray and Colleen Anderson - June 14, 2019 at 01:20 AM

ST

“ Gennie ,Alex & Carl. Sorry to here of kirk's passing he was my first golf league partner at emerald hills when we came to the lakes. Kirk loved okoboji ,fishing. Glad to have known him steve & anna moore

steve - June 13, 2019 at 11:18 PM

KF

“ Ken Farmer lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen



Ken Farmer - June 13, 2019 at 10:44 PM

VM

“ Thoughts and prayer for Kirk's family. Kirk was a good friend and classmate. He will truly be missed.



Vicki Vos Milverstedt - June 13, 2019 at 10:19 PM

NH

“ Virginia and family, I am so very sorry to hear this. You are in my prayers!

Nancy Hill - June 13, 2019 at 09:23 PM

DB

“ *Deb & Benji Bockman lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Deb & Benji Bockman - June 13, 2019 at 08:45 PM

KE

“ *Kathy And Bob Eilers lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Kathy and Bob Eilers - June 13, 2019 at 06:55 PM

BS

“ *Bob And Jackie Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Bob and Jackie Sullivan - June 13, 2019 at 06:54 PM

TW

“ *Prayers to the Ewen family from the Wilson's. He will be missed.*



Tim Wilson - June 13, 2019 at 06:51 PM

SR

“ I'm so sorry, Virge. You and Kirk had so many happy and wonderful years together. My thought are with you, in memory of Kirk. Susan Ruth

Susan Ruth - June 13, 2019 at 06:50 PM

KK

“ Sooo sorry to hear about Kirk,s passing. Hugs and prayers to all of Kirk's family.



Kent & Jo Kastrup - June 13, 2019 at 06:45 PM

DG

“ Dave & LuAnn Garnjobst lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen



Dave & LuAnn Garnjobst - June 13, 2019 at 05:00 PM

DM

“ Danice Matthews lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen



Danice Matthews - June 13, 2019 at 04:21 PM

RN

“ Our deepest sympathies to Kirks family... we will miss the daily drive-byes ...he will be missed! 🙏🙏🙏



Rhonda and David Nelson - June 13, 2019 at 03:06 PM

KB

“ Kris Berning lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen



Kris Berning - June 13, 2019 at 02:03 PM

Mary
Vander
Woude

“ Hugs and prayers to Kirks family. He has been a great friend since we were in kindergarten together. Rest In Peace my friend. 💔💔



Mary Vander Woude - June 13, 2019 at 01:26 PM

NR

“ Nancy Rickman lit a candle in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen



Nancy Rickman - June 13, 2019 at 01:14 PM

KW

“ *Kristie & Tim Wintz sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard "Kirk" Ewen*



Kristie & Tim Wintz - June 13, 2019 at 11:06 AM