



Richard "Dick" Clark Hatch

June 17, 1936 - December 12, 2017

Richard "Dick" Clark Hatch, 81, of Bloomington, IN passed away on December 12, 2017. Dick was born on June 17, 1936 in Mobridge, South Dakota to Marion and Bertha Hatch. Dick grew up in McLaughlin, South Dakota, before graduating, in 1958, with a degree in Business Education from Northern State University. He began his career as a high school teacher in Wyoming, however, he wanted to see the world. He took the civil service exam and began his new career allowing him to travel to at least 10 countries over several decades. Dick became a member of the Baha'i faith in 1965 and remained devoted to his faith throughout his life, serving in many capacities. He married Sara Kay Lashmett on July 1, 1972. Together they pioneered to the Philippines, South Korea and Okinawa, Japan, before settling in Bloomington in 1987.

After retiring from Crane Naval base in 1993, Dick and Sara moved to Illinois to take care of his beloved mother-in-law, Marguerite Lashmett. In 1998, the Hatches returned to Bloomington, where Dick managed the By Hand Gallery. He was a great supporter of arts and artists, serving on the 4th Street Festival Committee for many years as well as championing Sara's art career.

Dick was a long-suffering fan of Indiana Football, Chicago Cubs Baseball, and a lover of puzzles, games, cooking, and laughter. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend to all who knew him, and he is survived by wife, Sara, his son Jeremy (wife Courtney), his daughter Jenna Amani (husband Carlo), and granddaughters Kira Amani and Kathryn Hatch. Dick was one of

eleven siblings which included sisters Maxine Snodgrass, Myrna Hempel, Nancy Tobin, and Ferne Treloar as well as brothers Ray, Lowell, Burton, Maynard, Larry and Wayne Hatch, who survives.

The family will have a private burial at Clear Creek Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at 2pm on Saturday, December 16 at the Bloomington Baha'i Center, 424 S College Mall Rd. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Dance for Parkinson's and sent to 904 E. 1st St. Bloomington, IN 47401.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dick was a very loving and genuine person. His openness and sweetness was felt by everyone who knew him. He will be missed.* ”

Cleante Howard - December 14, 2017 at 07:50 AM



“ *Cleante Howard lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Clark Hatch* ”



Cleante Howard - December 14, 2017 at 07:43 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Clark Hatch.* ”



December 13, 2017 at 11:50 PM



“ *Richard was delight to all of us, sharing in Dance For Parkinsons class. His strength of spirit, humour, and kindness infused us all. May we be inspired by him and the beautiful spirit he embodied- Roberta* ”

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“ *Alfredo Ancheta sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard "Dick" Clark Hatch*



Alfredo Ancheta - December 13, 2017 at 05:56 PM



“ Dear Sara and Family, I just saw the announcement of Richard's passing on Facebook and am a bit shocked and at a loss for words, so please know that this won't be the most eloquently written piece that you've ever read... Mostly, I want you all to know that my heart and prayers are with you today.



In fact, this morning, one of my first thoughts was of you and Richard, Sara, and my promise to make spaghetti squash for you. I was wondering if you might have time over the holidays for a visit. I've been fortunate to share many meals with the two of you and occasionally extended family, too. These are some of my best memories.

During one such dinner, we had tea afterwards or maybe decaf coffee, and I commented that I liked the handmade mug it was served in. It was solid and had a perfectly cozy design that made it easy to hold on to. My comment was brief, but Richard caught it, and as we were saying our good-byes that evening, he placed the freshly washed and dried mug in my hand and told me he wanted me to have it as a gift. It's my favorite, and barely a day goes by that I don't use it and think of you two and your sweet, generous spirits.

And boy, what a cook. I don't know what kind of magic he worked when making his salads and soups, but they were always out-of-this-world. The best split-pea soup I've ever eaten, and I'm a bit of a soup connoisseur.

Most of all, I love Richard for his quiet, gentle strength and his incredible kindness. He didn't have to say a word to light up the room. His smile and warm laughter were enough to put me instantly at ease, as if he knew for certain that everything was ultimately going to be good in the world. Such a radiant, beautiful presence.

I'm profoundly sad that I wasn't able to see Richard again before he

moved on to a better place. Not that any amount of time spent with the two of you ever would have been enough. But I am grateful that I learned of the service on Saturday, and I will be there. In the meantime, I'm here and thinking of you all.

Loni Dishong

Loni Dishong - December 13, 2017 at 02:17 PM

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“*Dick and Sara were my neighbors for several years on S. Kingsbury Ave., Bloomington, the best anyone could ask for. Back then, I was a recently divorced single mom with two young kiddos managing a few jobs and graduate school. On a couple of occasions, I couldn't make it home from work or school in time to meet my kids after school, so I'd call Dick and Sara to fill in and they'd always, always helped me. They seemed to look out for my family in a general sense, not just when I was running late, and it was a huge comfort. There are angels who live among us. Dick was one of mine.*”

Susan Garcia - December 13, 2017 at 02:14 PM

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It was heaven meeting, knowing Dick, Sara & way back Nov., 1978 and eventually becoming a member their family in thoughts, prayers, actions and in deeds till these days.

The couple engineered the life I lead and live with then, and these days.

Both are Baha'is in hearts, minds, souls and spirits that attract people around them.

For Dick, I know he is now happy being in God's grace and tender loving care.

Alfredo Ancheta - December 13, 2017 at 06:16 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Red* was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Clark Hatch.



December 13, 2017 at 01:20 PM