

Richard "Dick" Mattox, 77

March 27, 1939 - Nov. 14, 2016

SHELBY — Richard Ronald "Dick" Mattox was born on March 27, 1939, to Warren and Mae (Mueller) Mattox, in rural Shelby.

Dick attended school in Shelby and graduated with the class of 1958. While there, he participated in all sports and was a member of the basketball teams going to state in 1956 and 1957.

After high school, he enlisted in the United States Army and served for three years and three months. He received the honor of being Soldier of the Month and was discharged in March of 1962.

January 27, 1963, Dick married Carol Joan Armstrong at the Congregational Church in Fontanelle. They lived in Omaha, NE, for a short time before moving to Shelby where Dick helped with his family's farm and trucking business. Later he took over the farming, along with various ag-related jobs. He worked for Farm Service Cooperative for ten years before retiring in July 2002.

Dick was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Shelby, and had served on the Church Council. He also had been a volunteer fireman for the Shelby Fire Department for twenty years.

Dick enjoyed traveling and had been to each of the states, Canada, Mexico, the Panama Canal, and the western Caribbean. He also liked watching Nascar, college basketball and football, and going for morning coffee at the Cornstalk on I-80. Most of all, he enjoyed watching the grandchildren in their activities, whether it be dance recitals or football games. Richard "Dick" Mattox died on Monday, November 14, 2016, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, having reached the age of 77 years, 7 months, and 18 days.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Mattox; one niece, Patti Whitmore; one nephew, Ashley Mattox; and one son-in-law, Mark Tennigkeit. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carol Mattox of Shelby; one daughter, Laura Tennigkeit of Underwood; one son, Michael (Shelly) Mattox of Brooklyn Park, MN; one brother, Marland Mattox of Omaha, NE; one sister, Marlene (Glen) Hipnar of Shelby; five grandchildren, Mason Tennigkeit, Austin Tennigkeit, Paige Tennigkeit, Kurt Mattox, and Kaitlyn Mattox; nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held on Friday, November 18, 2016, at First Presbyterian Church in Shelby, with Pastor Scott Dalen of Underwood Lutheran Church, Underwood, officiating. Nancy Armstrong served as the organist, and Deb Rosenow, Kathy Schumacher, and Sandy Wilds were the vocalists. Honorary casket bearers were Fred Klahn, Ivan Fries, Bob Thoms, Roger Paul, Jake Fuhs, Megan Fuhs, Lowell Baker, Bill Barrett, Gene Wahling, Lance Severson, Ron Bauer, George Kenkel, Delmar VonEschen, David Paul, Duane Armstrong, and Mel Hursey. Active casket bearers were Mason Tennigkeit, Austin Tennigkeit, David Hipnar, Kurt Mattox, Tom Whitmore, Ed Elseman, George Koziol, and Andy Hipnar. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery, Shelby. Memorials may be made to the Shelby Fire Department or the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be left online at www.burmeisterjohannsen.com.



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