



THE ROADS WERE GETTING LONGER,
THE HILLS WERE HARD TO CLIMB,
GOD QUIETLY WHISPERED TO HIM,
"I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME".

A NEW ROAD LIES AHEAD,
THE GATES OF HEAVEN I SEE!
GOD IS THERE WITH OPEN ARMS,
"RICH, COME UNTO ME"!

YOUR LIFE ON EARTH IS FINISHED,
YOUR EARTHLY PAIN'S NO MORE,
COME ON THE ROAD TO HEAVEN,
AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE IN STORE!

NO MORE BUMPY ROADS TO TRAVEL,
THE STREETS HERE ARE PAVED WITH GOLD,
THE PATHWAY WILL BE SMOOTH AND
THERE ARE RICHES TO BEHOLD.

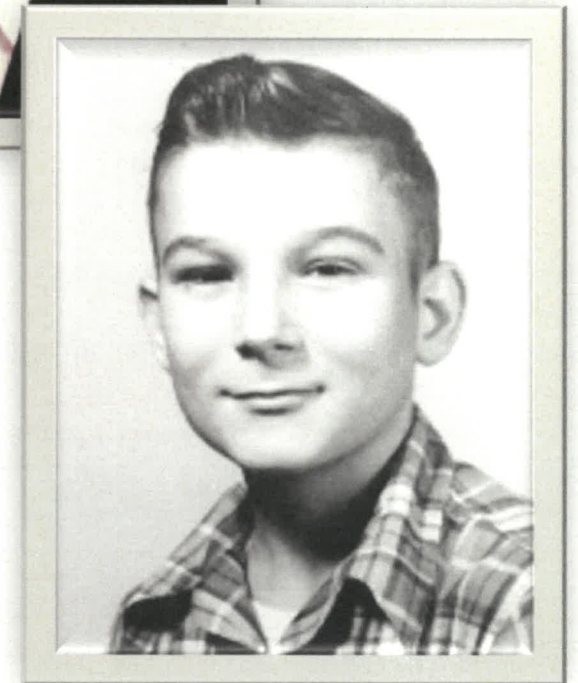
SO, DON'T THINK OF HIM AS GONE AWAY,
HIS JOURNEY HERE IS DONE,
HE'S REACHED HIS FINAL DESTINATION,
HE HAS MADE HIS FINAL "RUN"!

-TEDDIE SAYLES

Ernst
FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES

In Loving Memory

Richard Lowell Sayles



February 1, 1940 – October 31, 2021

Richard's journey began February 1, 1940, on a farm near Perry, IA. His parents were Homer Lowell Sayles and Hazel Mary (Higgins) Sayles. He was the youngest of 3 siblings. During his childhood, they moved to a farmstead near Woodward, where he attended Woodward Schools through 1958.

After High School, Richard's family moved to the town of Perry, where he met and married the love of his life, Teddie, in December 1959. Together they settled in the small town of Waukee, where they have lived for more than 50 years. They became the proud parents of two daughters, Vicki and Julie.

Richard worked for 30 years as a Semi-Truck Driver for American Freight Systems, Inc. Finishing his career in trucking, he worked another 10 years for Dallas County Road Maintenance before retiring. He also was a member of the Perry National Guard for 11 years.

Enjoying retirement, Dick and his wife avoided cold Iowa winters on the beaches of Destin, FL for 1-2 months a year. They loved traveling together. One of their fondest memories was time spent on an Alaskan cruise.

Dick's hobbies included a love for antiques, cars, old movies, boating, fishing, gardening, and flowers; but above all else, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Richard is lovingly survived by his wife, Teddie; daughters, Vicki, and her husband, Gene Lickteig; Julie, and her husband, Dan Dunwiddie; grandchildren, Derek Dunwiddie and his wife, Elizabeth; and Andrea and her husband, Jeremy Little. Also surviving are 2 great grandchildren, step grandchildren, as well as many special nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceded in death are his parents, his sister, Deloris Carman, and his brother, Larry Sayles.

Richard's earthly journey ended peacefully on October 31, 2021, holding his wife's hand of nearly 62 years of marriage. His eternal journey now begins in the hands of his gracious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Richard's family would like to thank the exceptional staff at Spurgeon Manor in Dallas Center, for their loving care the last 5 months, and Every Step Hospice for comforting Richard in his last days.

Richard was a member of Living Faith Lutheran Church in Clive. Memorial contributions may be made to the church located at 2180 NW 142nd Street, Clive, Iowa 50325.

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DATES OF BIRTH & DEATH

February 1, 1940 – Perry, Iowa
October 31, 2021 – Dallas Center, Iowa

VISITATION

Friday November 5, 2021 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Ernst Funeral Home – Waukee, Iowa

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday November 6, 2021 10:30 a.m.
Living Faith Lutheran Church – Clive, Iowa
Pastor Luke Timm - Officiant

PALLBEARERS

Gene Lickteig	Dan Dunwiddie	Derek Dunwiddie
Jack Stout	Larry Goodman	Rodney Sayles

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Cody Wilson	Dan Goodman
Bob Brown	Dennis Meyer

MUSICIANS

Debbie Henderson – Soloist
Sara Gentry - Pianist

INTERMENT

Saturday November 6, 2021 1:15 p.m.
Violet Hill Cemetery – Perry, Iowa

Immediately following the church service, all are welcome to stay for a luncheon and continued fellowship with the family.

