

Dr. W. Richard "Dick" Loerke

October 20, 1932 - August 12, 2020

Dr. W. Richard "Dick" Loerke

Dr. W. Richard "Dick" Loerke was born on Thursday, October 20, 1932 in Ottumwa, Iowa, the son of Welden and Ruth (Bozell) Loerke. He died on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was 87 years of age.

Dick met Nevin Wright through a mutual friend on a high school choir trip. They dated for three years and were married August 9, 1953, in Ottumwa, Iowa. They raised three sons and a daughter in Tulsa, OK where they were actively involved in the numerous activities of their children. As empty nesters, they enjoyed traveling with friends, weekends at the lake, volunteering, and spending time with their grandchildren. Sunday marked their 67th wedding anniversary.

Dick was a 1950 graduate of Ottumwa, Iowa High School. He received his BS in Chemistry from Northeast Missouri State University and his medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his internship in Kirksville Missouri.. After his training, Dr. Loerke relocated his family to Tulsa and started a family practice clinic in Northland Shopping Center. Later, he joined a group of doctors at Benien Clinic in downtown Tulsa. He was also on staff at OSU (Tulsa Regional) Medical Center and Southcrest Medical Center where he treated patients and delivered over 2,500 babies. He

practiced medicine for over 50 years.

Some of Dick's favorite activities included spending time with family, golfing with friends, gardening, and singing in his church's choir. With his family, Dick loved to attend as many of his grandchildren's sporting and school events as possible, traveling to fun destinations, and watching sporting events. Dick loved golf, and in his retirement, he golfed with his friends every week. Dick was incredibly committed to his church, Asbury United Methodist where he served on numerous committees and sang in the church choir for nearly 60 years. While at Asbury he was a member of the Mariners community. He was also a devoted member of the Southeast Rotary Club. In his retirement, he loved to read to children at Walt Whitman Elementary School.

He is survived by,

His wife, Nevin

Brother, David and wife Anita, Allentown, NJ

Daughter, Nancy and husband Tom Kragt, Anchorage, AK

Sons, Jim, Tulsa, OK

Bob and wife Susan, Wichita, KS

Tom and wife Phyllis, Broken Arrow, OK

Grandchildren, Tim, Matt, Mary and husband Danny, Bethany, Becka, Rob and wife Carissa, Rick and wife Alisha, Randy and wife Melissa, Sara and husband Joe, Samuel, Sophie, Kaylee and husband Travis, Courtney and husband Ben, Christopher, Hannah, Abby, and 24 great grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents Welden and Ruth and an infant

great grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations could be made to:
Oklahoma Osteopathic Founders Foundation - 8801 S. Yale Ave., Ste 400
Tulsa, OK 74137 (write "Dr. Loerke Scholarship Account" in the check memo)
or www.OsteopathicFounders.org

or for the Asbury Music Ministry mail a check to Asbury United Methodist
Church - 6767 S. Mingo Road Tulsa, OK 74133 (include "Music Ministry,
Richard Loerke Memorial" in the check memo)

Previous Events

Service

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Asbury United Methodist Church
6767 S. Mingo Rd.
Tulsa, OK 74133

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. W. Richard "Dick" Loerke*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *"NOT JUST A GREAT DOCTOR, BUT A GOOD CHRISTIAN AND HAD THE BEST WAY TO MAKE YOU FEEL AT EASE, HAD THE PLEASURE OF BEING HIS PATIENT FOR OVER 40 + YEARS, MY FAMILY TRULY MISS THIS MAN OF GOD, RIP YOU KIND MAN! GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY! THANK YOU! FROM THE PRATER FAMILY!*

JOYE,BEN,ZORANA,CHRIS,ROBIN PRATER - January 17, 2022 at 09:43 AM



“ *I'm one of the babies dr Loerke delivered at Oklahoma osteopathic I'm 38 now*

Tylecia Armani - September 27, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. He was always such a kind, caring and thoughtful colleague when I began my practice in Jenks many years ago. It was an honor to know him.*

Jan Willcox - August 27, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 17, 2020 at 12:45 PM

NO

Beautiful service for a kind, considerate man. Love you, Dick. Nancy and Ed

Nancy Olson - August 17, 2020 at 03:09 PM

DL

Thank you, Rev. Harrison for a beautiful service. Brother David and Anita

David Loerke - August 18, 2020 at 11:56 AM

RD

As a delightful and brilliant friend and co-student, Dick was always outstanding in KCOS. No surprise to learn that he was an outstanding physician and citizen.

My prayers for all those who will miss him so dearly.

*Ralph C. Merwin, D.O.
KCOS 1958
Harrison, AR*

Ralph Merwin, D.O. - August 28, 2020 at 12:33 PM

NO

“ When Dick was in school, I was often the person he would practice on. One memory is of him cooking some bones in the back yard. Of course I was 10 so that was something. Couldn't have asked for a more loving, helpful, considerate brother-in-law. The rest of my family and I will miss you. Heaven's choir just added a beautiful baritone. Love! Nancy

Nancy Olson - August 15, 2020 at 02:13 PM

DC

“ When my family moved to Tulsa we were some of his first patients at the clinic at Northland Shopping Center. He continued to be our family physician for many long years at Benien Clinic. In behalf of the Guy Scott family we want to send our prayers and condolences to the family.

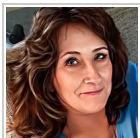
Debbie (Scott) Collins - August 15, 2020 at 11:08 AM

TF

“ The Bishop and Berryhill Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Dr. W. Richard "Dick" Loerke.



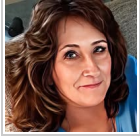
The Bishop and Berryhill Family - August 14, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ Sandie Porter purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dr. W. Richard "Dick" Loerke.



Sandie Porter - August 14, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ *Dr. Loerke was the best physician that God put on this earth. He totally cared deeply for all his patients. So sad when he retired and even sadder that he has passed. Rest In Peace sweet man. Sandie Porter*

Sandie Porter - August 14, 2020 at 11:25 AM

BT

Dr. Loerke was a wonderful doctor and man. I worked by his side for 27 years as his nurse and friend. He was very compassionate about his work and patients. A very caring person. Rest In Peace. Prayers and thoughts for the family.

brenda tharp - August 15, 2020 at 09:54 AM

NL

Thank you Brenda. You were much appreciated by him and by the family.

Nevin Loerke - September 02, 2020 at 06:42 PM

LH

“ *Linda H. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. W. Richard "Dick" Loerke.*



Linda H. - August 14, 2020 at 10:25 AM

LH

“ *Nevin and Dick were our best friends forever! We all had so many memories together at old St Luke Methodist church! Dick was our friend and Doctor! Took care of us and our children. Nothing like the Country type doctor that would come to your home to attend to you! Played some golf with both and always had fun doing vacations with them! Wish we had seen you recent Dick! Love, Paul and LindaHancock*

Linda Hancock - August 14, 2020 at 10:20 AM

BD

“ *Remembering a faithful grandpa Doctor who cared for his Grandchildren from birth. He was first to hold and check out each newborn Grandchild In the delivery room of all who were born in Tulsa. Thank you for all you gave and all you represented. Rest In Peace, dearest Dick. Heaven's choir just gained a beautiful voice.*



Beth Tittle Davis - August 13, 2020 at 10:15 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. W. Richard "Dick" Loerke.*



August 13, 2020 at 07:55 PM

DK

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Dennis Kaldenberg - August 13, 2020 at 07:29 PM

DK

Nancy and Tom's wedding reception (Fall 2001).

Dennis Kaldenberg - August 13, 2020 at 07:29 PM

TF

“ *the McCormick and Valantas Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. W. Richard "Dick" Loerke.*



the McCormick and Valantas Family - August 13, 2020 at 05:05 PM

JM

“ *Nancy and family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers and we are so sorry to hear about your father. We are here for you.
Love the McCormick and Valantas family*

julie mccormick - August 13, 2020 at 05:01 PM

BA

“ Brother David and Sister-in-law Anita purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dr. W. Richard "Dick" Loerke.



Brother David and Sister-in-law Anita - August 13, 2020 at 11:43 AM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 13, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Dr. W. Richard "Dick" Loerke.



August 13, 2020 at 12:44 AM

SW

“ *Silas & Sofia Wong purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. W. Richard "Dick" Loerke.*



Silas & Sofia Wong - August 12, 2020 at 09:06 PM

HH

“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Loerke family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Welden.*

Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 12, 2020 at 09:45 AM

HH

“ *Hayhurst Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Dr. W. Richard "Dick" Loerke*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 12, 2020 at 09:44 AM