

Richard Sorfonden, 79

May 5, 1935 - March 29, 2015

STUART — Richard Sorfonden was born on May 4, 1935 to Nils and Bella "Otella" (Holmoe) Sorfonden in Dell Rapids, SD. At the age of five, Richard's father passed away. His mother later married Meint "Mike" Eilers, and the family made their home in Dell Rapids.

Richard taught middle and high school science for 34 years in South Dakota and Iowa, retiring from Dexfield Community Schools (1975-1994). He umpired baseball and softball as well as coached various sports throughout his teaching career.

Upon retirement, Richard worked part-time for eight years at Walmart in Windsor Heights. Richard died on Sunday, March 29, 2015 at the Stuart Community Care Center at age 79.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law Dennis Carlson. He is survived by his wife of 49 years and 11 months Joan; three children: Beth Wilson, Mark Sorfonden (Janelle), and Amy Ballain; five grandchildren: Michael, Julia Marie, and Matthew Sorfonden; and Julia Taylor and Jacob Ballain; two sisters: Beverly Poppen (Duane) and Connie Klien (Terry); sister-in-law: Pat Carlson; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Visitation was held from 5-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at the Johnson Family Funeral Home in Stuart. Memorial service was held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at the Stuart-Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church in Stuart. Memorial contributions may be directed to the West Central Valley Dollars for Scholars and sent in care of Johnson Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 246, Stuart, IA 50250.

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