



Dick Harrison

May 27, 1930 - November 9, 2008

Funeral services for Richard "Dick" Harrison will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at the First Christian Church with Rev. Ron Pingelton and Rev. William S. Kalfas officiating. Interment for family and close friends will be 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Harold Richard "Dick" Harrison, son of the late Lloyd Lee and Juanita Lorraine (Jacobs) Harrison, was born May 27, 1930, and passed away November 9, 2008, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the age of 78 years, 5 months, and 12 days.

Dick graduated from Alva High School, then served in the Korean War with the 45th Infantry Signal Corps. On August 8, 1954, he was united in marriage to Thamazin Heydman in Cherokee, Oklahoma. He studied electronics and began working for Carl and Anna Belle Shafer in 1952. Dick and his partners purchased the electronics business and formed Shafer, Inc. Dick worked at Shafer's until his retirement in June of 1993.

He was baptized in the Alva First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1941 and has remained a member and served as a deacon, elder, cabinet and board member and choir member. He is a 52 year member of Alva Masonic Lodge #105 and a 32nd degree Mason in Scottish Rite. He served as Rainbow Dad for 42 years.

Dick and Thamazin were named Alva Citizens of the Year in 1990. Dick was past president of the Alva Golf and Country Club and the Alva Kiwanis Club.

He was an avid sports fan supporting the Goldbugs, Rangers and Sooners. Dick was on the committee that sponsored the first Bahama Breakaway and served as Torch Run Chairman for the 1989 Olympic Games.

The Dick and Thamazin Harrison Scholarship at NWOSU was established this year in their honor by Kelli and Brock Schnebel. The Harrisons have supported NWOSU academics and sports and are members of 1st and 2nd Century, the Millennium Club and the Presidents Association.

Dick's greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren. He loved playing games, attending their sports and academic events, going to Colorado, or just enjoying time with his family.

As a charter member of the Alva Community Theatre, Inc. he has built most of the sets for the plays for 36 years and has been the House Manager and maintained the theatre as a volunteer for 16 years.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his step dad, Bill Hand; and one sister, RoJean Miles.

Dick is survived by his wife, Thamazin, of Alva; his daughter, Kelli Schnebel and husband, Brock, of Oklahoma City; his grandson, Chase Harrison Schnebel; his granddaughters, Jessica Schnebel and husband, Justin Rousseau, Bailey Schnebel and fiancé, Jacob Coleman, and Addison Schnebel; his sister, Roberta Wilson; his niece, Stacia Miles; and nephews, Dick Miles and Randy Moore; other relatives and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Dick and Thamazin Harrison Scholarship at NWOSU or the Alva First Christian Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dick Harrison*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Dear Thamer and Family, Sorry I have not written before now, but just did not take the time. I am so sorry for your loss. Dick had to have many pages in his book of life. He did so much and was always busy doing for others. May you know Bill and I appreciated both of you so much with the love you showed to our family.*

Bill and Linda Beeler - December 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Thamer and family, How sorry for you to lose your loved one and how hard the holiday seasons are afterwards. We pray you will be comforted by the years of wonderful memories you made together and made with hundreds of individuals in the community. God bless you. Bruce and Dixie*

Dixie - November 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Aunt Thamer & family, I am saddened to hear of Uncle Dick&e passing but also joyous in knowing that our Lord has a special place for him. Even though we know our time on earth is short, it is never easy saying good bye. You are in my prayers. Please accept my condolences. Representative Pat George*

pat george - November 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Thamer and family; i am so sorry about your loss. I only knew Dick for three short years but I will miss him. We greatly appreciated for makeing plays possible at the ACT I. We love you, Brenen

Brenen Hankins - November 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Thamazin, we were so sad to here about Dick. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We will all miss him greatly. He is home and his pain is gone. God bless you.

Brian & Terry Smithey - November 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Thamer and Family,It has been a great privilege to have know Dick.I have only know him for a short while;starting as a raindrop and then to a rainbow girl;I knew if I needed a smile I could always look at Dick and receive one.So with every RAINDROP will end with a RAINBOW ending with a POT OF GOLD. That is Dick a Pot of Gold.

Jordan Coffman - November 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Thamer & Family, I was terribly saddened to hear of Dick&s passing, as was the rest of my family. For Donna, Debbie, Darcie and I, Rainbows was a big part of our life. And having you two as our Rainbow Mom & Dad meant more than you&ll ever know. You have helped to mold many, many Alva girls into strong young women. And in recent years you have worked with my daughter, Kayleigh, and my nephew, Matthew, become little actors in the ACT 1 children&s plays. Dick always had a smile on his face and a place on his lap for the smaller kids. May god bless you all and bring comfort in your time of loss. We love you, Diane (& Kayleigh) McAlpin

Diane Lancaster McAlpin - November 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Thamer & Family, I wanted to express my condolences for your loss. Thamer, you & Dick were a big influence during my years as a Rainbow girl. I know he will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family...

Shelly (Waldschmidt) Stoffel - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Dear Thamazin,
My heart is heavy today as I read about Dick. However, I only have the best of memories from both of you. Rainbows was an important part of my life. The support that you two gave me was unbelievable. Our trips to Stillwater to Grand Convention will never be forgotten. Both you and Dick were like parents to me, and I cherish those moments spent with both of you. Please know that you and your family are in my daily thoughts and prayers. Love, Kelly.

Kelly Coker Nusser - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Thamazin, Kelli, and Brock; So sorry in hearing of Dicks passing. Our deepest condolences to you&all. He will be greatly missed. I am sure he is filling a seat with his name on it, that God made just for him!*

Scott and Vicky Schwerdtfeger - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Dear Kelli and Thamazin,
We are so sorry for your great loss. Even barely knowing him, you could tell he was so very special to his family. I know his loving memories will live on and on and I hope they will bring you comfort and peace during this hard and difficult time. With lots of love and prayers, Carol*

Carol & Ron Fisher - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Dear Thamer,
We are so sorry about your loss. It truly is a loss for everyone who knew Dick. I have so many fond memories of both of you when I was a Rainbow girl. Dick was always so kind, willing to help, and never willing to take credit for all of his hard work. You two were always two of my biggest fans when I was an Alva High Ladybug and again as a Northwestern Lady Ranger. I don't remember you all ever missing a basketball game! May God comfort you in this most difficult time, and may you also find comfort in knowing how many lives you both have touched in such a positive way.
Much sympathy,
Kayla Haskins and family*

Kayla Landreth Haskins - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Thamazin and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. I pray you find peace during this difficult time. Thamer it was such a blessing to have you and Dick as my Rainbow Mom & Dad... You touched my life as well as so many other girls. It was so important to have such a wonderful couple to look up to during those years of growing....which molded me into the person I am today. I am very thankful. I will cherish all the memories of my Rainbow days. Much love and peace to you!*

Daniele Gaskill McOsker

Daniele McOsker - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Thamazin & family...Our deepest sympathy in your loss. Such a void in your family, our church family, and everyone who knew Dick. He was an outstanding man; always with a smile; doing so many "behind the scene" things for others. We both feel so blessed knowing him, and will truly miss him. May God&s loving arms around you help to ease your sorrow. Love & prayers, Dale & Vaughna*

The Schmidt&s - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Thamer and Family, My family and I are so sorry to hear of the loss of Dick. He was truly a wonderful person and will be missed by all who knew him. Rainbows will always hold a very special place in my heart and I will cherish thoughts of you and Dick through my Rainbow years. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Love, Lisa and Family*

Lisa Boatwright Riggins - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Dear Thamazin, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your Rainbow family is here to help in anyway possible. May the good Lord watch over you and give you comfort. Brian & Janna

Brian & Janna Pierson - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Thamazin- Our deepest condolences to you and your family at this time. We had the priveledge to meet Dick when the kids were in two plays in the community theatre in Alva, (they STILL talk about these great experiences) the last one being Guys and Dolls. What a great man, and what great treasures you both are the the community in which you live. May God comfort you at this time. Prayers,

Anjanette , Jacob, William and Zarah Douglas - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Thamer, I cannot express the sadness in my heart. I wish I had the right words to say that would help you through this difficult time. I, like many other Alva Rainbow girls were very blessed to have you and Dick as Rainbow Mom and Dad. May you find the strength in your faith, comfort in God?s love, and peace in knowing that your ? Rainbow Daughters? are praying for you. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Charity Kornele-Digby

Charity Kornele Digby - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Thamer, I am so sorry to hear of Dick&s passing. I have sweet memories of Dick&s kindness to me and all the other Rainbow girls. I took for granted that he was there supporting us in all of our events. As I look back now as a wife and mother, I realize what a blessing it was to have him so actively involved as a Rainbow dad. What a special guy! I know that he will truly be missed. I pray that God will give you and your family the strength and peace you need during this most difficult time. Love and blessings, Cassandra

Cassandra (McDonald) Mussman - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dear Thamazin:
Although we never met, Tim did talk about you often. He would also talk about Brock and Kelli. My prayers go out to you and your family.
Joyce Tallman Lawrence, Kansas

Joyce Tallman - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Thamer, I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Dick. He will be missed. I really wish I could be there for you. You guys ment alot to me you were there for us when grandma pass away. You are in my prayers.
Love Monica

Monica (Miles) McCraw - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Dear Thamer and Family; we are so sorry for your great loss. Dick was such a wonderful fellow and you two meshed beautifully. I wish all marriages worked as well as yours. we were glad to get the chance to work with Dick - he was usually in the background but always made things happen. It was a privelege for Robert to be his "sidekick"; learning the ropes and helping out. we will miss him greatly. We are praying for you and your family during the difficult days ahead. we love you Maureen , Robert and the rest of the Thomas&

Maureen Thomas - November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM