



Richard J. Kuiper

June 4, 1923 - January 4, 2020

MT. PLEASANT – Richard J. Kuiper, age 96, left this earthly world peacefully at home on Saturday, January 4, 2020, to be with his heavenly Father.

Richard was born on June 4, 1923, in Franksville, WI, to John and Winifred (Reyenga) Kuiper.

Richard married Ruth Osinga of Franksville on May 10, 1946 and they celebrated 73 years together. The couple farmed for 45 years on Hy. 20 and raised three children. In 1993, they moved to a home nearby to enjoy their retirement years.

In retirement, Richard and Ruth took trips to Europe (Germany and Switzerland) and travelled to the Netherlands with Ruth's sisters to see some of the towns their parents had immigrated from. Other trips included Myrtle Beach, SC and Philadelphia, PA.

When his children attended Racine Christian School, Richard was on the School Board and assisted on many renovation projects. He was actively involved in his church but really found his calling on the Decorating Committee later in life. He liked to decorate the church for Easter and Christmas celebrations, however, his greatest gift was constructing the many banners that adorned the sanctuary.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife and parents; brothers: William Kuiper and Henry Kuiper; sister: Winnie Kuiper; sisters-in-law: Flossie Kuiper, Annette Kuiper, Maggie Kuiper, Rose Nowak, Effie (Zimmerman) Wynkoop, Bertha Fiedler, and Ann Anderson and their spouses; and brothers-in-law:

Dowie, Peter, Jim, John, Art, Fred and Joe Osinga, and their spouses. He is survived by his children: Cyndi (Mike) Owens, Fitchburg, WI, Marcia (Ken) Brondyke, New Brighton, MN, and Dennis Kuiper, Mt. Pleasant; grandsons: Jason and Kevin Owens, Madison, WI, Philip (Stacy) Brondyke, Annandale, VA, and Glen (Noelle) Brondyke, Arden Hills, MN; great-grandchildren: Lauren and Anna Brondyke, VA and Betsy and Will Brondyke, MN; brothers: John Kuiper, Racine, and Clarence (Marcella) Kuiper, Franksville; and sisters-in-law: Pauline Kuiper and Sharon Osinga, Racine. The funeral service will be held at 10:30am on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the Racine Christian Reformed Church, 900 Illinois Street, Racine, with visitation preceding at 9:30am. Pastor Anson Veenstra will be officiating. After the service, a luncheon will be served at the church. Burial will follow at West Lawn Memorial Cemetery, 9000 Washington Avenue, Mt. Pleasant. Sturino Funeral Home is assisting the family with preparations. A picture tribute of Richard's life is available on their website www.sturinofuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Racine Christian School Endowment Fund, 912 Virginia Street, Racine, WI 53405.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Racine Christian Reformed Church
900 Illinois Street
Racine, WI 53405

Funeral Service

JAN 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

Racine Christian Reformed Church
900 Illinois Street
Racine, WI 53405

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard J. Kuiper*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 08, 2020 at 10:14 AM

SL

Beautiful Video of your family Cyndi! We are sorry to hear of your loss but celebrate with you that your father is now in his forever and eternal home. Sylvia Lenters

Sylvia Lenters - January 09, 2020 at 02:23 PM

GU

What a beautiful tribute video! I am so sorry for your loss. I wanted to come to the funeral, but was afraid to drive in this weather. There are so many memories I have of your Mother and Dad. One time I stopped at a garden center where Uncle Dick worked and asked him what flowers to get for my backyard. He made a suggestion and they were the most beautiful flowers I ever had. When I was young (living with my Mother and Dad), I remember he made my Mother a beautiful throw rug out of scraps from a carpet store he was working at. We all just loved it! My sister and I always thought your Dad was so handsome! I would often run into them at Piggly Wiggly and they always had time to share a conversation. You can feel very proud of both of them. They were a very special Aunt and Uncle! My sympathy and condolences! Geraldine (Biffy) Fiedler Ulcek

Geraldine Ulcek - January 11, 2020 at 01:55 PM

DK

“ Watching the video quickly lets me know that there certainly was a lot of life swirling around Uncle Dick and Aunt Ruth while I was off doing whatever. Gene and I extend our sympathy and condolences to you all, especially Cyndi, Marcia, and Dennis. The repercussions of Uncle Dick and Aunt Ruth’s love will be felt in lots of places for many years to come. God bless you and keep you well tomorrow and in the days to follow.

I had a chance to talk to your dad for a bit at your mom’s funeral. Once he figured out who I was, he told me about my dad driving the tractor over I-94 with all the traffic just to get it from our farm to yours, or vice-versa. It was a pleasant memory for your dad and I enjoyed it as well. Also, if I close my eyes, I can see your dad cultivating corn or beans in the field across the road from us. Any other memories are more about us kids playing softball on the front lawn at the house on Hwy 20.

Good memories all. We will miss your dad. You will certainly miss your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Don & Gene

Don Kuioer - January 10, 2020 at 08:34 PM

NH

“ Dear Cyndi,
My sympathies to you on the passing of your father, especially coming so soon after your mother's passing. It has been said that when one spouse passes and the other follows shortly thereafter they were deeply in love and the remaining spouse died of a broken heart. I suspect that was true of your parents! It's comforting to know they had a strong faith and are together again in heaven. I enjoyed the video. There were so many great photos! You were such a cute little girl and your boys (imho) definitely look like Kuipers!
I will pray for peace and strength for you and your entire family in the coming days.
Fondly,
Nancy Rohner Haddad

Nancy R Haddad - January 10, 2020 at 11:48 AM

JS

“ You may not remember me but I spent a whole lot of time on that farm. I am John and Maggie's niece, Jo Segraves (Joey), and spent many many summers with Uncle John and Aunt Mag. I felt like I was part of the Kuiper family. My husband loved our trips to Racine and kept the kids in the family very busy. He passed away 6 years ago. I enjoyed the video and could recognize and relate to many of your pictures. Please accept my condolence in the passing of your husband, father, grandfather, etc. Praying for comfort for your entire family.

Jo Segraves - January 09, 2020 at 10:40 PM

PM

“ Dick and Ruth (always Mr and Mrs Kuiper to me!) were another set of parents to all of us - role models and faithful. To Dennis - what a great life! So sad to see them leave us but, we will be together again. We are praying for our own lives to follow the example they set. Peter & Laura M

peter and laura medendorp - January 09, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard J. Kuiper.



January 08, 2020 at 04:36 PM

SR

“ To the Kuiper family, you have my deepest sympathies at this time. Prayers will continue so that your grief will be tolerable. With memories and love, Sharon (the late James Reynolds, Jr.) Reynolds

Sharon Reynolds - January 08, 2020 at 10:45 AM



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Sturino Funeral Home - January 08, 2020 at 10:02 AM