



Richard Wesley Ryder

December 31, 1941 - November 1, 2021

Richard Wesley Ryder, 79, of Sigourney and formerly of Ollie, passed away November 1, 2021, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City. He was born December 31, 1941, in Iowa City, Iowa, the son of Lloyd and Dorothy Lothridge Ryder. He lived in the Ollie, Hedrick, Sigourney area all his life. He was united in marriage to Diana Davis. To this union a son was born Wesley Dale Ryder. Richard and Diana later divorced. Richard drove truck for many companies in the area including Ben Young Trucking in Richland, Hauptert Livestock in Fairfield, and Kaiser Rock Quarry in Ollie. He also worked for his good friend C.D. Huffman at the farm and the sale barn. Throughout his life he was “given” several nicknames, all of which he answered to with a smile they are: Jum, Jumbo, Tiny, Dick, and then Richard. He loved visiting with people and never knew a stranger. He enjoyed the freedom his electric scooter granted him. There is a good chance you saw him scooting around town enjoying the fresh air and scenery. He always had time to stop and visit with people that were out and about. He truly loved the small communities he lived in throughout his life. Richard cherished the relationships that he had with the people in those communities. He lived in several apartments throughout the years until entering Sigourney Care Center due to failing health.

He is survived by his son, Wesley (Michelle) Ryder of Ottumwa; three grandchildren, Kelsy Ryder, Benjamin (Cassie) Ryder, and Gage Ryder; a great granddaughter, Emma; his brother, James Ryder; and his close friends, CD and Carol Huffman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Donald Ryder.

A graveside memorial service will be held Friday, November 5, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in the Ollie Cemetery at Ollie. As was Richard’s wish his body has been cremated. The Fremont Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Ollie Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Ollie Cemetery

Ollie, IA 52576

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ *What can one say about Tiny Jumbo Ryder??? Too much to fill this page . Once he married our cousin Dine Davis he belonged to our family for life!!! The Shrader kids were always at Tint and Dines or they were at ours . Mom was his Aunt Kate for life and many laughs were shared by all . If only that little green house on the corner in Ollie could talk we would all have to go to confession ! The old gang is leaving us little by little but the memories and the lies live on . WE love you we miss you but your memory lives on ! Catch you on the flip side Buddy, Your Honey Miss Kitty and George Snakenberg*

Kitty Snakenberg - November 03, 2021 at 07:37 PM

RS

“ *The one and only Dick "Tiny" Ryder! Always a smile on his face. Too many memories to share. Grew up with this guy drinking, hunting, fighting, playing cards, stealing water melons (they turned out to be gourds,) road trips and more laughter than one can imagine. You will always have a special place in our hearts. You will be missed.
Love you Big Man.
Randy, Denise, Memorea and Mike*

Randy Schrader - November 03, 2021 at 02:53 PM

RS

“ *Randy, Denise, Memorea and Mike Schrader purchased the S sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Richard Wesley Ryder.*



Randy, Denise, Memorea and Mike Schrader - November 03, 2021 at 02:40 PM

SS

“ *Tiny and Diny where such giving folks, they had the best pizza every Saturday night the winter of 74-75. I can't remember everybody that showed up but we would eat pizza drink beer and play hearts. Like the obituary stated he always had time to visit. I remember sitting at Hoodle Ingles garage with little Wesley on his lad, oh what a proud dad he was. If it won't for those pizza nights Diny wouldn't have had the opportunity to till me ask her sister-in-law (Lyndell) out, man-oh-man I'm glad se did. It seemed workout really good*

Steve "Bungus" Sheetr - November 03, 2021 at 01:01 PM

SS

“ To damn many stories to tell !! Loved Ole Jumbo like a brother but my bestest story was Tiny went with me in the truck to Johnstown Pennsylvania we got caught in the blizzard of blizzards on i80 I. Illinois 1979 I think anyhoo we were in a .ore room with a 3 ft snow drift by the door (yes inside the room) twin beds I got cold during the night so I reached into the duffle bag getting what I thought was an extra t-shirt stuck my arm through the hole lord and behold it wasn't a t-shirt it was Jumbo shorts !! I yelled out goddammit tiny and we laughed all night long and I still do today ! All in all My friend Richard Ryder would give you the shirt off his back (or his bvds) if he thought you needed help ! Damn you Tiny till me meet agian I'm gonna miss you but I will cherish the stories we made with my grand kids !! Grab hi gear my old trucking buddy I'm sure the chicken coop at the pearly gates will be closed when you blow by them !

Scott Schrader

Scott Schrader - November 03, 2021 at 12:33 AM

NL

“ Such a good guy! He laughed alot. He spent alot of time at the station with us. RIP. My sympathy to Wes and his family.

Nola Luebbery - November 02, 2021 at 11:54 PM