



Dick Gerald Bleyenberg was born on December 8, 1938, to Gerrit and Gertrude (Van Beek) Bleyenberg, and entered into eternal rest on August 7, 2025, surrounded by his family and the legacy of a life marked by faith, service, and devotion. Raised alongside three sisters as the only son, Dick grew up in a home shaped by strong values and hard work. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on active duty from 1957 to 1961. Following his military service, he attended DeVry Technical Institute in Chicago, where he trained as an electrician.

On December 17, 1963, he married the love of his life, Clara Ann, and together they built a life grounded in faith and family. Dick worked for many years at the Rock Valley Post Office, where he was a dependable and familiar face in the community. He continued his military service in the Navy Reserves and later with the Air National Guard, ultimately completing over 20 years of honorable service to his country.

Dick's greatest joys in life were simple and steadfast: the care and concern of his family. He passed on his deep and enduring belief in Christ to his children and grandchildren, a spiritual legacy that continues to flourish. Known for his good sense of humor and steady presence, Dick was a faithful member of Heritage Reformed Church in Hull, Iowa, where he served as both deacon and elder. He also found a winter church home at the Free Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, Arizona. Throughout his retirement, Dick was happy to serve his church family as a ready servant, always willing to help with any needed function. He loved traveling across the country with Clara Ann, especially to support his grandsons as they competed in tractor pulls. He also enjoyed sharing his love of golf with his children and grandchildren. Whether spending time with loved ones, telling a story, or enjoying the quiet pleasures of daily life, Dick lived with humility, purpose, and unwavering loyalty.

He is survived by his devoted wife of nearly 62 years, Clara Ann Bleyenberg; daughter, Annette (Kurt) Van Beek; son, Gary (Stephanie) Bleyenberg; and son, Brent Bleyenberg. Dick's love and influence live on in his four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his beloved sisters, Trudy Koedam and Alma den Hoed; brother-in-law, Jim Van Beek; and many nieces and nephews who will fondly remember his wit, wisdom, and warm heart.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Gerrit and Gertrude Bleyenberg; sister, Dorothy Koedam; brothers-in-law, Bill Koedam, Johnny Van Beek, Gary Van Beek, and Everett Koedam; his treasured grandson, Travis; and infant granddaughter, Jennifer. Though deeply missed, his life remains a testimony to love, service, and enduring faith—and his family rejoices in the hope of reunion promised through Christ.

In Loving Memory
Dick Gerald Bleyenberg
December 8, 1938 ~ August 7, 2025

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Tuesday, August 12, 2025
Faith Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. Pieter van der Hoek
Heritage Reformed Church
Hull, Iowa

PIANIST

Darla DeWit

PSALTERS

“Tests of Christian Character” #24 vs. 1-3
“As the Hart, About to Falter” #416 vs. 3,5

PALLBEARERS

Andrew Bleyenberg ~ Taylor Van Beek
Heath Wallenburg ~ Brenden Wallenburg
Howard Koedam ~ Jim Van Beek

MEMORIAL

Tunnel to Towers Foundation

MILITARY RITES

Pfarrer-Fox American Legion Post 321
Rock Valley, Iowa

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

Dick's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship at Faith Reformed Church's Family Life Center following the committal service at Valley View Cemetery.

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



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In Honored Memory