



Clifford R. "Randy" Dawes

June 15, 1949 - May 2, 2015

Clifford R. "Randy" Dawes, 65, of Bonita Springs, FL died Saturday, May 2, 2015 following a seven year battle with ALS. Formerly of Austin, MN, he had been a winter resident of Bonita Springs for several years before moving there permanently in 2014. Clifford was born June 15, 1949 in Perry, IA a son of Lowell E. and Helen (Wicks) Dawes.

Randy graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelors of Animal Science Degree. His career was spent working for Hormel Foods Corporation for over 38 years, retiring in 2009. Mr. Dawes was an avid golfer who belonged to the Austin Country Club in Austin, MN and Highland Woods Country Club in Bonita Springs, FL. He was also a sports enthusiast and fan of the Minnesota Twins, Chicago Cubs and especially the Iowa State Cyclones.

Randy is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Marilyn S. (Eckerman) Dawes; children, Lori (Ben) Davis of Elko, MN and Brent (Annie) Dawes of Burnsville, MN; parents, Lowell and Helen Dawes of Adel, IA; siblings, Nick (Peg) Dawes of Adel, IA, John Dawes of Sedalia, MO and Barbara Sadley of St. Marys, PA; and 5 grandchildren.

A celebration of Randy's life will be held at a later date in Minnesota and will be announced.

Memorial contributions to help fund ALS Research may be made in Randy's name to the ALS Association, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 6051, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Arrangement's are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ Clifford R. "Randy" Dawes

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to you Marilyn and your family. I read of his passing in the Tiger's Tracks publication. My father passed away some years ago from ALS, so I am always saddened to hear of other passing in the same way.

Randy was a classmate I had great respect for, he always treated everyone equally and had a big heart. Talking about sports, one of my most vivid memories of Randy was our senior year when we were playing Dallas Center. We had a really great team, but Dallas Center was leading our league. I can just see Randy moving half the Dallas Center line back and then breaking through to dump the opposing quarterback on his butt. Along with the rest of our strong defensive line, Dallas Center never had a chance...Adel 40, Dallas Center 0.

Being way out here in Seattle, Washington, I miss all my Class of '67 classmates and have loads of wonderful memories. Randy was a part of those and I will truly miss him.

Jeff Waymack

Jeff Waymack - July 25, 2015 at 06:33 PM

DA

“ Randy Dawes

I am so saddened today, when learning that Randy is no longer with us, as I had just reconnected with him just last spring. Learning that he & Marilyn had moved to Florida, I was excited to be able to visit them, now that Jan (my wife) & I are now spending 5 months of every year in Florida.

Randy, was wonderful the day I visited them. While I could see that he was frustrated while communicating, he really put forth a tremendous effort to make me feel welcome at there home. I will miss him, as I had so much looked forward to visiting him in FL.

The 2 fondest memories of Randy, first when playing football our senior year at Adel High School. HE was the “MAIN MAN” when I got the ball, crossing over “THE LINE” right behind Randy as he was the “LEAD” blocker. Schmied. gave me the ball & I did my best to keep my eyes open as I tried to fall in behind Randy when I crossed over the line of scrimmage. On more that one occasion, upon getting back into the Huddle to call the next play, Randy would suggest to me “Try to keep your eyes open next time Dennis - the HOLE was wide open 2 feet to the right.”

The second, was the Summer trip: when we took our trip out to Colorado, just before we all headed off to college for the first time. John Owens, Dennis Richards, Roger Schmiedescamp, Dennis Ashby, and Randy Dawes we had “dubbed” ourselves “THE BUDDIES” friends forever!!

*And I will miss him forever
Ash*

Dennis Ashby - May 19, 2015 at 11:01 PM

DS

“ *Marilyn & Family:*
Carol and I were stunned to hear of Randy's passing. He will be sorely missed by his fellow golfers and friends at Highland Woods. He always remembered your name and always had a smile on his face except when he missed those two foot putts. We wilol all miss the jokes he sent us. Love comes from the heart and Randy had a big one.

Dick & Carol Staszak

Dick Staszak - May 12, 2015 at 03:19 PM

JB

“ *Randy was our senior high school class president, an excellent athlete, and a great guy. He was friendly and easy-going. So sorry to hear of his passing.*

Jan (Burkhead) Blazanin - May 10, 2015 at 05:32 PM

TB

“ *Marilyn and Family:*
It saddens us to hear of your loss. We have many fond memories with your family during our kid's Pacelli Days. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you in the days and weeks ahead.
Very sincerely,
Terry and Cheryl Bellrichard

Terry & Cheryl Bellrichard - May 10, 2015 at 04:15 PM

JP

“ Hi Marilyn:
Sorry to learn about Ramdy!
He was my friend!
Blessings!
John Phillips

John Phillips - May 08, 2015 at 04:35 PM

JA

“ My deepest sympathies on your loss. I worked with Randy in Ottumwa when he was a buyer and I was in livestock accounting. Randy was a real pleasure to work with. I enjoyed his sense of humor. Seeing this picture with that big smile brings back a lot of great memories.

Jim Anderson - May 08, 2015 at 03:35 PM

DB

“ Marilyn & Family: So very sorry to hear of the loss of Randy. We have really lost touch with you folks since you moved from Ottumwa, but will always remember our days at Hormel, talking about Iowa State athletics and about 'home' in Adel. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Doug & Martha Brown - Ottumwa, IA

Doug Brown - May 07, 2015 at 08:33 PM

DR

“ Don and I are sending thoughts and prayers to the Dawes family. Randy's infectious smile and quick wit kept many of us smiling. No one promised that life would be fair. Certainly Randy's premature death underscores that. You were called way too soon, good friend

Don and Jane Rysavy

Don and Jane Rysavy - May 07, 2015 at 10:25 AM

RG

“ *The Dawes Family,
I am very sorry of hearing of Randy (Captain) passing. He always made people laugh and had the time for everyone. I will miss his email jokes, I enjoyed reading them. I can hear him now talking to the Angels " Step aside working man coming thru". You were always greeted as "Captain" and his other catch phrase " Step aside working man coming thru". He will be miss.
My sincere condolences to Marilyn and Dawes family
Ray Gutierrez
I.E. - Hormel Foods*

Ray Gutierrez - May 07, 2015 at 08:11 AM

WP

“ *Working with Randy in Ottumwa, and Austin is greatly missed. Enjoyed the times going back and forth about politics, farming, and Hormel. As times goes by, it makes me proud to have work with Randy and the great people in the livestock area in Ottumwa. It only seems like yesterday that Lori and Brent were young kids but when they grew older, Randy was very proud of them.*

My condolences to Marilyn, Lori, and Brent.

Willie Pollitt

Willie Pollitt - May 07, 2015 at 06:49 AM

LS

“ *Marilyn and Family, we can't begin to tell you how sorry we are. We last saw Randy at a Twin's game in Fort Myers. With Randy being Randy, we had a great chat and some laughs too. It was so good to see him. Please extend our deepest sympathies to Lori and Brent and families. God bless you all.*

Lonny & Selene Schulz - May 06, 2015 at 10:02 PM

JH

“ Marilyn, Lori and Brett
Mary and I were so sorry to hear of Randy's passing. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to you. I always enjoyed talking with Randy and especially his quick little "quips". I know it's been a tough last few years and we wish him peace. Hope to see you in Minnesota. God's Blessings!

Jim Herrick

Jim Herrick - May 06, 2015 at 03:44 PM

P(

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Randys passing. Its been a lot of years since I saw him last - probably since high school graduation. Not only was he a great friend -- he was my cousin. We go back a long ways from riding the bus together to Sunday school classes at church. He will be missed. My heartfelt prayers go out to all of his family.

Peg Kelly (Garrett)

Peg Kelly (Garrett) - May 06, 2015 at 08:01 AM

BD

“ I always enjoyed working with Randy. We had some good, some not so good times, working on the Hormel safety committee. He will be missed.

My sincere condolences to Marilyn and the family.

Bob Divine, Austin, MN

Bob Divine - May 05, 2015 at 02:32 PM