



## Richard T. Hokanson

May 13, 1945 - February 21, 2015

Richard "Dick" Thomas Hokanson, age 69, of Little Falls, MN, formerly of Long Prairie, MN, passed away on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the Mayo Clinic/Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN. Funeral Service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Grace Covenant Church in Little Falls, with Rev. Merrill Kindall officiating. Burial will be at Spring Lake Lutheran Church Cemetery in rural North Branch, MN on Saturday at 4:30 PM. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 PM on Friday, February 27th at Grace Covenant Church, as well as 1 hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

Dick was born on May 13, 1945 (Mother's Day) to Joseph and Alice (LeVahn) Hokanson in Minneapolis. He graduated from Minnehaha Academy and from Dunwoody Technical Institute as a printer. Dick was a publication printer at Hart Press in Long Prairie for 33 years.

At age 56, Dick chose to retire so he and Lois could devote their lives to missions and outreach. They started a short term mission organization called Jamaica Missions in which they annually took teams of people to either an orphanage or community on the south side of the island. Down through the years, over 500 people have accompanied them on these trips. Many others have branched out into other mission endeavors on the island as a result of their involvement with the Hokansons.

Back in Minnesota, Lois and Dick's home has always been open to people, and they especially reached out in love to international students, singles, married couples, and stepfamilies. Dick's life was very fulfilling and meaningful as he served the living God, Jesus Christ.

Left with a strong legacy to follow are Lois, his beloved wife of 342 months; sons - Tim Hokanson of Bloomington, Minnesota, and Jeff (Tracy) Hokanson of Machesney Park, Illinois; grandsons Zeke (9) and Nate (5); brother - Gene (Margaret) Hokanson of Chatfield, Minnesota, and sister - Chrisanne (Marvin) Burr of Metamora, Illinois; sister-in-law - Elaine (Jim) Fisk of North Branch, Minnesota; and a host of other relatives and friends from around the world.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Project Increase to further the mission in Jamaica are preferred.

# Cemetery Details

## Spring Lake Lutheran Church Cemetery

8440 Erickson Road NE  
North Branch, MN 55056

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Grace Covenant Church  
17117 Riverwood Drive  
Little Falls, MN 56345

## Visitation

FEB 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard T. Hokanson*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - February 25, 2015 at 03:23 PM



“ *Richard T. Hokanson*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard T. Hokanson.*



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February 27, 2015 at 09:18 AM

RK

“ *Sad news for us today. Our next door neighbor and friend passed away and it is very hard to imagine not having Dick around us any more. Dick and Lois have always been there for us, opening their hearts and home to us. Seeing Dick around the neighborhood going about his business, always brought a sense of comfort and belonging...*

*Thank you Dick and Lois for everything you have given us and for finding the space to include us in your lives.*

*Dick, you will always be remembered dearly.*

*Your next door neighbors, Russ, Rocío, Ethan and Emily Kulus.-*

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**Rocio Kulus** - February 26, 2015 at 01:09 PM

DE

“ How can it be that one can feel such JOY in remembering someone, such INSPIRATION at every memory, such warmth of LOVE, and yet such inner grief... And I know I'm not the only one. There are people not only in Minnesota, but in different places in the world whose hearts are a bit overwhelmed this week at the loss of Dick from this world. Every time I think of writing this tribute and sharing my thoughts and I look at a picture of Dick, all I get is a sharp pain in my heart and tears in my eyes. There's just too much for words, I guess. Too much.

So let me turn to what I read this morning, the words of Paul in 2 Timothy 4:6-8:

*"As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me--the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me, but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing."*

*We love you. Peace to his memory. Dan and Vicki Eastvold*

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**Dan and Vicki Eastvold** - February 26, 2015 at 09:59 AM

 Kevin  
Olson

“ It will always be said that Dick "finished well"! Dick pulled me aside a few years ago and asked me how I was going to finish. He met my bewildered look with that grin of his and went on to explain where he was coming from. It is important to see where we have been but it is more so important for us to finish well in serving our Lord...telling the story...sharing our faith.

*Dick finished well.*

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**Kevin Olson** - February 26, 2015 at 09:36 AM

ML

“ *Master Craft Labels purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Richard T. Hokanson.*



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**Master Craft Labels** - February 25, 2015 at 12:58 PM

YF

“ *Your PSMI Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Richard T. Hokanson.*



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**Your PSMI Family** - February 25, 2015 at 11:10 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - February 24, 2015 at 01:52 PM

DH

“ When I settle my thoughts on the impact the Hokanson's have made on our family I am convinced of these (and yes, you cannot say Dick without Lois-they are a beautiful team): Dick loved Jesus, Dick loved Lois and their family, Dick loved people. He was always thinking of unique ways to reach out in love to share Jesus with everyone he came into contact with. Whether it was his hand on your shoulder when he passed your pew as he quietly walked into church service or the personal invitation to join a Bible Study that he and Lois were hosting or the challenge to embark on a mission trip with he and Lois...He had been blessed and his deepest desire was for everyone to experience the God he knew and loved - and Dick knew beyond a shadow of a doubt he belonged to God and was deeply loved by God. We thank the Lord for Dick's faithfulness to his calling and will miss his smile and heartfelt conversation- but we're looking forward to when we will meet at the Eastern Gate. We know the Lord will cover Lois and family in His loving arms and give His peace and strength for this journey...God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

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Denis and Kerry Hiemenz - February 24, 2015 at 09:36 AM

KH

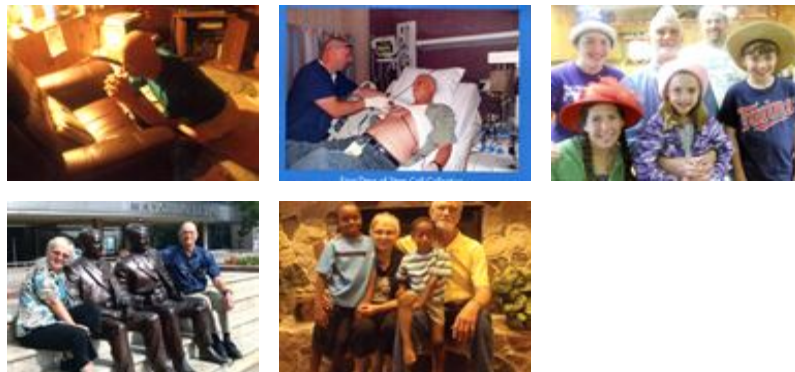
“ I see Dick as a man of wisdom, good character, a papa bear who protects us and a man who loves the Lord with all his heart. It is hard to just say Dick without saying Lois. I love you both. I pray: Give us all heart Lord to empathize with Lois who suffer a loss. Grant us words of healing for her aching heart. In Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ".  
In Christ,  
Karon

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Karon Hagen - February 23, 2015 at 05:50 PM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - February 23, 2015 at 04:38 PM

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“ *Cousin Richard was a big hearted - big man - with a heart for missions. Yet he could irritate his younger cousins at family dinners - making us finish our milk - he and Eugene would say, "Drink down to where I have my thumb" and slyly would move their thumbs lower and lower. It was always a treat to go to Uncle Joe's and play with the metal toys they had there. Mom (Grace) ironed cousin Dick's shirts when Alice was unable to. Mom was OCD when it came to ironing and folding shirts, and buttoned them up. Dick said, "you don't have to button the shirts aunt Grace." Fond memories - he will be missed.*

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**Charlotte Norlien** - February 23, 2015 at 03:20 PM