

Richard Kirk Teraberry

Birth: Feb. 8, 1919

Death: Dec. 2, 2011

Richard Kirk Teraberry was born on Feb 8, 1919. He was one of six boys raised on their family farm in Iowa. He learned to work hard at an early age, milking cows, feeding chickens, chopping wood, and harvesting crops.

He also had a great time growing up on the farm. He and his brothers set gopher traps hunted crows, rats and rabbits and even collected bounties occasionally. They trapped muskrats and mink and were able to sell their carefully skinned pelts.

Richard started his career in sales after high school graduation. Leaving only a note for her parents, he left home with 35 cents he borrowed from the lunch money jar and headed to Cedar Rapids where he sold magazine subscriptions door-to-door.

In 1941 he married Helen Lender and to that union Dennis and Pamela were born.

He was drafted into the army March 1943. After training, he deployed to Australia then New Guinea where he worked with an engineer corp. He earned the rank of corporal and later transferred to the Philippines. He was discharged in 1945 just in time to spend Christmas with his family.

Retirement brought a new lifestyle for Helen and Dick. They enjoyed traveling and visited many places throughout the world and finally settled in Mesa, Ariz. Helen passed away in 1999 after more than 40 years of marriage. Dick was fortunate enough to have two more special women in his life, Maxine Bowman and Rose Wray. Maxine passed away from cancer. Richard writes, "I was trying to adjust to being alone when a Rose showed up and I have been better ever since."

Rose and Richard loved their life in Sunland Village where they have many friends. they bowled, golfed, played cards, and occasionally traveled.

Richard was diagnosed with merkel cell cancer in 2008. He put up a valiant fight but passed away on Dec 2, 2011. Richard loved people and always greeted everyone with a smile. He will be missed. His daughter Pam said of her dad, "I was blessed to have a wonderful father who taught us how to live life to the fullest and then showed up how to die. He loved life, his family, his friends, the stock

market and being active."

Hi is survived by his wife Rose, children Dennis Teraberry and Pam Reichardt, six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

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