

## *Bernard E. "B.E." Mick*

March 14, 1924 - August 30, 2018

Born in Bussey, Iowa

Resided in Waverly, Iowa

## Obituary

Bernard "B.E." Mick, 94, of Waverly, Iowa passed away on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

Bernard Eugene Mick was born on March 14, 1924 in Bussey, Iowa, the son of Fred Lyman and Sylvia L. (Olson) Mick. Bernie attended school and graduated in 1941 from Bussey High School. He then attended Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa for two years, followed by Northwest Missouri State, at Maryville, Missouri, in a Navy V12 unit. From there he was sent to Wellesly College in Massachusetts in a Navy Midshipman School. In September of 1944, he received his commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy Supply Corp., receiving orders to be Asst. Supply Officer on the U.S.S. Rigel AR 11, a repair ship. He went aboard ship on Thanksgiving 1944 in Hollandia, New Guinea and then moved up to Leyte Gulf in the Philippines. He spent 12 months there repairing landing craft that were damaged. At the end of WWII he spent six weeks in Manila and then returned to San Francisco. Following separation from the service in Sept. 1946, he attended the University of Iowa, graduating in 1947 with a B.S. in Commerce Degree.

On February 14, 1948 he was united in marriage to Patricia A. Wood in Diagonal, Iowa. He had met Patricia while at Simpson College.

Bernie became associated with Spurgeon Mercantile Co., a chain of ladies Jr. dept. stores in Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, and Wisconsin. He trained in stores at Fairfield and Marshalltown, Ia., and managed stores in Albia, Ia. and Portage, Wis. In 1952 he became a buyer in Chicago, living in Skokie, IL., for 10 years. In 1962, Bernie and Pat purchased the Schlutsmeyer Ladies Dept. Store in Waverly. Over the years they expanded to other stores in Waverly including Patricia Fashion Fabrics, Elegant Woman, The Denim Patch, The Bridal Gallery and Home at Heart, as well as stores in Cedar Falls and New Hampton. The stores have always been a family business with all of the family involved. To date, only the original store, B.E. Mick's in Waverly is operating. It has been purchased and is operated by Robert and Ruth.

Bernie was Cub Scout Master in Skokie, Il., and a member of the American Legion and Amvets. He was a Rotarian for over 40 years, serving as president from 1981 to 1982, and received the Paul Harris Fellow recognition. He served 20 years as Rotary Goodfellows Chairman. He was also director of the Corwin Co. in Kansas City, Mo. Locally, Bernie was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Waverly Community Symphony, and a member for the Bremwood Lutheran

Children's Home. He also served as a member and director for the Waverly Chamber of Commerce and the Waverly Public Library. Bernie was a big sports fan, supporting the Waverly-Shell Rock Go Hawks, Iowa Hawkeyes, Wartburg Knights, and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Bernie was a proud service man, accomplished businessman, and a good citizen, however, his number one priority was his family. Above all, he enjoyed spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bernie is survived by his four sons, Stephen E. (Cynthia L.) Mick of Waverly, Ia., Gary L (Marie A.) Mick of Guttenberg, Ia., Robert C (Ruth A.) Mick of Waverly, Ia., and Jeffrey W. (Lore A.) Mick of Waverly, Ia.; and 12 grandchildren, Valerie and Dan Aguilera, Natalie and Colton Wears, Ryan & Verity Mick, Brandon & Abigail Mick, Laura & Samuel Rosa, Christina & John Erickson, Neil & Joy Mick, Elizabeth Mick and Alex Wyrick, Leah and Nate Edwards, Reed and Malinda Mick, Drew Mick, Hannah Mick; and nineteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Pat in 2007, and three brothers F. Wayne, E. Raymond and Harold L.

Funeral services will be Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School in Waverly with Pastor Arthur Bergren officiating. Burial will follow in Harlington Cemetery, Waverly with Military Rites conducted by Waverly Area Veterans Honor Guard. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Waverly. Memorial may be directed to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community or Cedar Valley Hospice and online condolences for B.E. may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com).

## Guestbook



Bruce Hallman

Created : Sep 27, 2018

Hi Jeff...really sorry for your loss. I fondly remember your mom and dad in my growing up years. I have fond memories playing basketball at your place and your mother being there for you and our friend group. And yes your dad was always a good example and his background in earning his college degree and being a small business owner all those years. My sincere prayers for the loss of your father and your children's grandfather.



Peg Rogers

Created : Sep 12, 2018

To all of the Mick Boys and their families.. Bernie will be greatly missed..He was a great business man and did Waverly and his family proud...thought and prayers are with you Peg Juhl Rogers



Connie Downs

Created : Sep 09, 2018

I'm so sorry to hear of Bernie's passing. I really enjoyed working for Bernie and Bob at B E Micks. I will say a prayer for the Mick family, and I hope you know you are

in my thoughts. Bernie was a top-notch business man and will be missed by the entire Waverly community. May he rest in eternal peace.



Ron and Terri Edman  
Created : Sep 07, 2018

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Sympathies and prayers to the Mick family.



Lois Brodt  
Created : Sep 06, 2018

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So sorry to learn of your father's death. Mt sympathy to your family



Karl and Jan Moe  
Created : Sep 05, 2018

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Our sympathy to the Mick family. Thankful for the contributions of your parents to the Waverly community.



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Created : Sep 05, 2018

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Robyn and Dorothy Tangeman  
Created : Sep 05, 2018

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Sorry for your loss-----



Michael Kukral  
Created : Sep 04, 2018

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My deepest sympathy on your loss, your father and I got to be good friends and really will miss not seeing him in the office with Bob. He was a great merchant, father and man. He is to be missed. Michael



Sandy Jaschen  
Created : Sep 03, 2018

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To the family of Mr. Mick, I just returned from a trip and just read about your Dad. I send my sympathy to all of you. I worked for your Dad and Mom in the 1990's in the New Hampton store. I was very happy when they hired me and I enjoyed working with them and Steve, Jeff and Bob. When I would shop at the Waverly store he would be friendly and was always good visiting with him. Fond memories will remain in hearts of all who knew him. Sandy Jaschen



Jean Markussen  
Created : Sep 02, 2018

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I will always remember Mr. Mick as a very fair, honest, and understanding employer, having worked for him in the Cedar Falls stores for many years. My deepest sympathy to all you boys and your family's. I know that your dad was a big part of your lives. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Jean Markussen



Carol Herman

Created : Sep 01, 2018

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Bernie was one of the last business men of his era. He will be sorely missed by all. Once again, he is with his beloved Pat!



Judy Engelbrecht

Created : Sep 01, 2018

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What a legacy Bernie has left! Steve,Gary,Bob,Jeff and families you should take consolation in the concern, care and love you gave Bernie in these last years. My sincere sympathy.



Dan and Paulette Norton

Created : Sep 01, 2018

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It's hard to forget someone who gave us so much to remember. Another icon of Waverly who will be missed but not forgotten. Thoughts and prayers to the entire Mick family at this very difficult time. Wishing you strength for today and hope for tomorrow. With deepest sympathy, Dan and Paulette Norton



Jim Mormann

Created : Sep 01, 2018

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Family of Bernie Mick, please accept my condolences for your loss. Bernie was one of few surviving business men on Bremer Avenue. When I joined the State Bank of Waverly I was introduced to Bernie during our daily coffee break at the Tall Corn and saw him a few months ago again at coffee with Bob. His obituary says he was a good man, loved God, family and country. That sums up Bernie Mick. May he Rest In Peace. He and all of you are in my prayers!



John McKee

Created : Sep 01, 2018

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Dear Bernie Mick Family, Your Dad was a loyal Rotarian who never said "NO" to any project. When I asked him to be my Sargent At Arms and stir up fun by fining even those nobody would touch with his humor and smile , he said yes. Those days with Bernie and Pat on Main Street were awesome! I know he believed in the promises Jesus made and I pray you too will find strength and courage in the days ahead from those promises. My heart 's deepest sympathy to all of you.

## Photos



## Services

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### Visitation

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#### **Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc.-Waverly**

218 2nd Street SE P.O. Box 215  
Waverly, IA US 50677-0215

 [Map / Directions](#)

 Wednesday, September 5, 2018  
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

### Service

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#### **St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**

301 1st St. N.W.  
Waverly, IA US 50677

 [Map / Directions](#)

 Thursday, September 6, 2018  
11:00 AM

### Burial

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#### **Harlington Cemetery**

1001 1st Street S.W.  
Waverly, IA US 50677

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 Thursday, September 6, 2018  
12:00 PM