



Vernon Arthur Brickley

February 13, 1935 - January 28, 2016

Dr. Vernon Arthur Brickley, 80, died surrounded by family on January 28th, 2016.

He was born on February 13, 1935 in Vinton, Iowa to Grant and Gladys (Bender)

Brickley. He was a 1953 graduate of Lincoln High School in Vinton and graduated from Iowa

State University in 1960, where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. In 1962, he

received his Doctor of Optometry from Illinois College of Optometry and was President of his

class. Vern was married to Priscilla (Grigg) in Trinity Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

on August 5, 1961. They were blessed with two children, Lisa and Grant. He began practicing

optometry in Dixon with Dr. Lamar Wells. He was affiliated with IOA and AOA and served as

President of Northern Illinois Optometric Association. He retired in 2006 after 44 years of

practice in the Dixon area.

A long standing member of the First Presbyterian Church in Dixon, he served a number

of terms as elder. He was noted for his love of vocal music, and sang tenor in

the church choir

for over 50 years. He was a member of and sang solos in the Sauk Valley Chorus. He was a

member of the Rockford Mendelssohn Chorale and enjoyed singing in the Messiah each

Christmas season with the Rockford Choral Union.

He was a charter member of the Dixon Evening Lions and served on the Kreider

Service Board of Directors, recently retiring after years of serving as Vice President.

Family gatherings were an important part of his life and countless hours of laughter and

talk were spent around the dining room table. He was a second generation die hard Cubs fan,

and every year hoped this was "the year". Maybe this year? He had a sincere interest in people

and truly enjoyed getting to know them. Anyone who knew him heard him say "okey-dokel".

He was predeceased by his parents, brother Donald, sister-in-law Lucia Brickley, and

brother-in-law John Grigg.

Survivors include his wife Priscilla, daughter Lisa (Loren) Wolf of Dixon, son Grant of

Antioch, Illinois, granddaughters Alexandra and Madeline Fink of Dixon, and Kalrissa

(Matthew) Taylor of Genoa, Illinois step grandchildren Aaron (Jillian) Wolf and Jeremy (Mallory) Wolf, and Great Grandchildren, Addison and Mason Wolf.

Also surviving is brother Alvin Brickley of Hendersonville, North Carolina, sister Ruth (Roger) Grove of Sheldahl, Iowa, two sisters-in-law Marilyn

Brickley of Phoenix, Arizona and Margitta Grigg of Antioch, Illinois and 12 nieces and nephews .

Visitation will be Friday, February 12th from 4:00-7:00 at Jones Funeral Home in Dixon, Illinois. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, February 13th at 1:30 at First Presbyterian Church in Dixon with Pastor David Spaulding officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established for the First Presbyterian Church and Kreider Services in Dixon.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

1121 N. Galena Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **12**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

FEB **13**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
110 E 3rd St
Dixon, IL 61021

Tribute Wall



“ *Vernon Arthur Brickley*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Vernon Arthur Brickley*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Dr. Brickley he was are family eye doctor for year and always such great and fun guy to talk to again sorry for your loss*

Thompson Family

Shannon Thompson - February 13, 2016 at 08:28 AM



“ *Dan, Susan, Kory, Lynn, Kay and Marilyn purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Vernon Arthur Brickley.*



Dan, Susan, Kory, Lynn, Kay and Marilyn - February 11, 2016 at 03:42 PM

AM

“ Our deepest condolences. The Millses were his patients for a very long time. He was the best - a good, warm and caring doctor. We were in great hands.

Andrea and Jane Mills

Andrea Mills - February 11, 2016 at 06:39 AM

LA

“ We're sorry to have missed the visitation on Friday. We have known Vernon since he started his practice on 3rd St. with Dr. Wells. He was always a pleasant person to be around and would always strike up a conversation when you saw him. He will be missed by all. Our deepest condolences. Bill & Lois Appleman

Lois Appleman - February 08, 2016 at 11:54 AM

MD

“ Dear Priscilla, Vernon and I were close friends and classmates from 7th grade on in Vinton, IA. We met in Sunday school and shared a strong love of music. Unfortunately, we lost touch after high school. Vern was a true and compassionate friend introducing me to his circle of friends when I transferred to public school from the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School. Ironically, I spotted Vernon's obituary in the Cedar Rapids Gazette next to my wife's of 60 years, ucheckingwho I also met in Vinton. My sincere condolences to you and your family at the loss of a wonderful husband and father. Sincerely, Harley Donald, Vinton H.S. Class of 1953

Michael Donald - February 04, 2016 at 03:27 PM

DM

“ Sorry for your loss God bless all Debra merritt

debra merritt - February 04, 2016 at 08:05 AM

JC

“ I know how much you're hurting now, Lisa, and my heart cries with you. Give your family my condolences and my hope that soon the good memories will crowd out all the tears.

Always your friend,
Jo Nell

Jo Nell Castellani - February 03, 2016 at 05:50 PM

BS

“ Dear Family of Dr. Vernon Brickley,

Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. I was fortunate to have worked for him and Dr. Welles I the 70s. Dr. Brickley was a kind person and an excellent Optometrist. May his flight to heaven have been a swift one and may you, his family, be encircled by our Lord's loving Angels as you go through this sad, sad time. RIP Dr. Brickley. It was a pleasure knowing you.

Betty Schultz - February 03, 2016 at 01:55 PM

JD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. No matter how long you have someone, it is never long enough. Take care, Jeri Dempsey

Jeri Dempsey - February 03, 2016 at 08:03 AM



“ *This is coming from a die hard Cardinals fan. I think this year is the year for the Cubs. The joy is you can watch it all the time with my very closest friend, Nancy, Jaime's grandma, and enjoy watching the celebration, here on earth. You were the doctor that diagnosed all my eye problems and I am forever thanking you. I hope your family is forever grateful for a loving husband and father. Rest in peace, Dr Brickley..*

Jane Summers - February 02, 2016 at 06:15 AM



“ *Verne was a truly nice man. While so many others have some personal agenda, he was always genuinely interested in and supportive to his fellow man. He will be missed and long remembered.*
Dr. Yavitz

e yavitz - February 02, 2016 at 04:24 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernon Arthur Brickley.*



February 01, 2016 at 06:48 PM