



## The many faces of My Uncle Dickie

Born 02/12/1940, died 02/08/2010 and buried 02/12/2010

Today is a day we celebrate our Uncle Dickie. As always, we celebrate him best, when we come together and I will be honest in telling you that I am a little bit sappy today because what I really want is for Uncle Dickie to be here with us telling us all how **sharp** we all look. I will also tell you that I am having a hard time imaging a world without Uncle Dickie and frankly I am fairly certain most of do not exactly know **where we go from here**.

The following is a speech given by Martin Luther King entitled

### Where We Go From Here

And I say to you, I have also decided to stick to love. For I know that love is ultimately the only answer to mankind's problems. And I'm going to talk about it everywhere I go. I know it isn't popular to talk about it in some circles today. I'm not talking about emotional bosh when I talk about love, I'm talking about a strong, demanding love. And I have seen too much hate. I've seen too much hate on the faces of sheriffs in the South. I've seen hate on the faces of too many Klansmen and too many White Citizens Councilors in the South to want to hate myself, because every time I see it, I know that it does something to their faces and their personalities and I say to myself that hate is too great a burden to bear. I have decided to love. If you are seeking the highest good, I think you can find it through love.

I read this today because I really believe Uncle Dickie sought the highest good in all of us. You could see it in his face and hear it in his voice that he loved all of us. My hope is that together we will honor his memory and seek out the highest good in each other and those around us.

I love you Uncle Dickie and I love all of you!