



## Richard Garnett Coppage

May 19, 1940 - August 3, 2025

Richard Garnett Coppage, 85, of Nanjemoy, MD, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2025, surrounded by his loving family and close friends. He was born in Washington, D.C., to the late Elizabeth Catherine Kemper Coppage and William Richard Coppage of Bealeton, Virginia.

A proud graduate of the Suitland High School Class of 1958, Richard met the love of his life, Edna Lorraine Switzer, during his school years. The two married on April 2, 1960, and shared 60 wonderful years together until Edna's passing in 2021.

Richard led a full and active life. He especially enjoyed traveling, lunch dates at Ledo's with Edna, and time spent with family and friends throughout his retirement. Home brought him the greatest joy—whether in Huntingtown or Nanjemoy—where he and Edna spent cherished days with their beloved Bichons: Elle, Emme, and Bella.

After completing trade school, Richard began his career with Leiss Art Services in Washington, D.C., working as a graphic artist. Over time, he rose through the ranks to become President of the company, a position he held for more than 20 years. Later, he founded his own firm—Presentations and Graphics Enterprises (PAGE, Inc.)—serving important government and defense industry clients. He remained President and owner until his retirement in 2002.

Richard is survived by his three loving children: Dave Coppage of La Plata, MD; and Dan Coppage and his wife, Emily, of Nanjemoy, MD. He is also

survived by his younger brother, Ronald K. Coppage of Lost River, WV. Beyond his immediate family, Richard shared a special bond with his two adopted sons, Kevin Mackey of Nanjemoy, MD, and Brian Droneberger of Huntingtown, MD, as well as their children: Kaylen, Konnor, Alex, and Tyler. Throughout his life, Richard found joy in hunting, fishing, golf, sports, card games, and memorable trips to Atlantic City and Las Vegas. He also loved visiting Maryland's Eastern Shore. Richard gave back to his community through involvement with the Boys & Girls Club of Clinton, MD, actively participating and supporting the American Legion Post 259 in Clinton, MD and local chapters of Ducks Unlimited. A talented woodworker, he carved ducks and other wildlife with great skill and care. During retirement, he collected and donated baseball equipment to underprivileged youth in the D.C. and Baltimore areas—particularly supporting the Baltimore Orioles' youth club. He was honored for this generosity by the Orioles on multiple occasions. A private burial will be held in the coming days, with a celebration of life to follow at a later date. In lieu of donations, the family asks that you honor Richard's life by doing something kind for someone in need—just as he so often did. His legacy of generosity, love, and warmth will live on in all who knew him.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I Enjoyed my friendship with Dick. He will be missed. Last time we visited, I inherited one of his baby plants to tend. I will think of him offer. My condolences to his family*

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**Julia Ehman** - September 07, 2025 at 08:03 PM