



Richard "Dick" Lee Rivers

March 31, 1940 - October 3, 2014

Richard Lee (Dick) Rivers of Waldorf, MD died on October 3, 2014 surrounded by his wife and children. He was 74 years old.

Born on March 31, 1940 in Carthage, NY and raised in Cantonment, FL, he was the son of the late Miriam (Misisca) and Harold Rivers. In addition to his parents, Dick was preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth (Ousterhoudt) Rivers, Carthage, NY; and brothers, Jack Rivers, Sneads, FL and David Rivers, San Jose, CA.

After graduating from Tate High School in 1957, Dick joined the Air Force. He was a Vietnam Veteran and was stationed at many locations around the world during his distinguished 28 year career. He was awarded numerous medals and commendations for service to his country before retiring from active duty in 1985. He continued to serve his country as an Air Force civilian until his final retirement in 2005. Dick was an avid golfer and bowler. In the past 6 years his life was enriched by his 4 legged friend and constant companion, Brandi Rose. He dearly loved his music and his Miami Dolphins but his greatest love was his family.

He is survived and will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 55 years, Gloria (Given) Rivers; his children, Marilyn (Glenn) Newton, Leesburg, VA; Linda (Bill) Vigil, LaPlata, MD; Richard (Lori) Rivers, Hamilton, VA; and Sandra

(Brian Leeser) Gonzales, Manassas, VA; his 12 grandchildren, Jessica White, Elizabeth Gonzales, Kristi Corthell, Natalie Rivers, Erika Gorlick, Zachary Vigil, Richard (Tony) Rivers, Caitlin Newton, Sydney Vigil, Emily Rivers, Jordan Rivers, and Kailee Leeser; and his 3 great-grandchildren, Cole Humphries and Tully and Jensen Vigil. He is also survived by his loving brother Eric (Sally) Rivers, Biloxi, MS and his sister Martha O'Dillion, Cantonment, FL.

Visitation on Friday, October 10, 2014 from 1PM to 3PM and from 5Pm to 7PM with Services beginning at 6PM at the Raymond Funeral Service, P.A. 5635 Washington Avenue La Plata, MD 20646.

Interment at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, Mandarin House, 3675 Solomons Island Road, Harwood, MD 20776.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Visitation

OCT **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
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Service

OCT **10**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Dick" Lee Rivers*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Richard "Dick" Lee Rivers*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *We send our deepest condolences to Gloria and the whole family. Had we lived in the area we certainly would have been there in person to pay our respects. Jim and Dick were good friends from the Camp Springs area. Dick and I (Pam) worked together at the In State Inn for a number of years. He was a remarkable person to know and work with. He loved his family dearly.*

Jim & Pam McMillon



Jim & Pam McMillon - October 11, 2014 at 02:44 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Lee Rivers.*



October 09, 2014 at 06:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Lee Rivers.*



October 09, 2014 at 12:19 PM



“ *Dick's greatest legacy is the wonderful family he leaves behind to cherish his memory. Whenever it thunders we will smile and just imagine it is Dick working on his next 300 game. He will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him. With Love and Sympathy, Joe and Bobbie Gonzales*

Roberta L. Gonzales - October 09, 2014 at 10:02 AM



“ *Bob and Carol Pritts & family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Richard "Dick" Lee Rivers.*



Bob and Carol Pritts & family - October 09, 2014 at 08:28 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Lee Rivers.*



October 09, 2014 at 07:11 AM

LN

“ Love, Mary Jane and Tim Neary purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard "Dick" Lee Rivers.



Love, Mary Jane and Tim Neary - October 08, 2014 at 07:10 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Lee Rivers.



October 08, 2014 at 06:28 PM

JQ

“ Dick was my go to golfing buddy...the guy you wanted on your team. He would drive all the way from Waldorf out to Front Royal, VA to be a part of our foursome. As most folks know, golfing is not my strong point but Dick never complained about how bad I played; he always carried our team (along with Rich) and no matter where we finished in a tournament, (we actually won one and we all received new golf bags!) he always had a smile and made it a pleasure to be on the same team. I will miss him terribly and am so thankful I was able to work with him and play a few rounds of golf.

Judy Quackenbush, SMSgt Retired

Judy Quackenbush - October 08, 2014 at 05:08 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Lee Rivers.*



October 08, 2014 at 01:44 PM



“ *Noel & Jennifer Cespedes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard "Dick" Lee Rivers.*



Noel & Jennifer Cespedes - October 08, 2014 at 12:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Lee Rivers.*



October 08, 2014 at 11:11 AM

CL

“ *Many years ago our family of choice the Marleys introduced us to Dick & Gloria Rivers & family.... Thru the Marleys we grew to love all the Rivers & they became our family of choice too many years ago... Dick & Gloria welcomed us into their family with open arms.... even tho we know Dick is free of pain now, he is greatly missed... our thoughts & prayers are with all of you.. sending a special hug to Gloria & lots of love to all of you.. even though we could not be with all of you this week do know we are there in spirit & we feel all your deep sadness.. hugs & love to all Cam & Deb Linton*

Cam & Debbie Linton - October 07, 2014 at 10:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Lee Rivers.*



October 07, 2014 at 08:04 PM

DC

“ *Dick's service on active duty and as a member of the "Comm" community directly influenced the outcome of world events, helped set American policy, and saved lives. He is a hero and will be missed.*



Dave Curtiss, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)

David Curtiss - October 07, 2014 at 06:15 PM

RI

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Rich - October 07, 2014 at 06:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of **Richard "Dick" Lee Rivers**.



October 07, 2014 at 01:10 PM

DA

“ *Gloria, I was so sorry to hear about Dick. He was such a nice man. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Donna Avery - October 06, 2014 at 01:11 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of **Richard "Dick" Lee Rivers**.



October 06, 2014 at 08:41 AM

MA

“ Our dear friend and former neighbor, Dick was one of the nicest people we've ever known. We counted Dick (and his beautiful bride Gloria) amongst our very best and dearest friends. His dog Brandy and our dog Dino were also best friends. We will miss our movie nights when either Dick, Gloria, and Brandy would come to our house for pizza and a movie or we would go to Dick and Gloria's. We have so many very fond memories. Like when we were finally able to drag Dick and Gloria to the movies by explaining to Dick that movies now had sound. He laughed hard at that and gave in. We went fairly regularly after that. I guess he liked the sound part. Dick also loved Halloween and would each year construct a very elaborate and very scary "cave" either on his front porch or in his garage. It was a huge hit with kids and their parents as Dick would dress up and sit in his cave and make kids enter it in order to get their treats. We would sit across the street on our front porch and listen to the screams and laughter coming from Dick and Gloria's house. The overflow alone caused us to have to increase our candy purchases by 50% each successive year. Then a few weeks later he would begin building his annual X-mas village comprised of hundreds of miniature houses and all the appropriate scenery. All lit up of course with accompanying music playing in the background. He would spend weeks building it each year and each year it would be different than the year before. Dick had also perfected retirement. An avid golfer he would play 2 or 3 times per week; in the wintertime he had a special cover for his golf cart. He also belonged to a weekly bowling league and traveled each year to Las Vegas for a huge bowling tournament. Dick loved life and lived it to the fullest. It is very sad and hard to comprehend that he is no longer with us. Our most heartfelt condolences to Gloria and the entire Rivers family. We will miss him dearly.

Mike & Susie Adams

Mike & Susie Adams - October 05, 2014 at 08:00 PM

MM

“ You were our next door neighbors when we moved on Andrews AFB housing in 1976, and the 1st "grandparents" the girls knew. All our Myrtle Beach vacations together, moving into our homes around the corner from each other, bringing up the kids, bowling, and just doing life together will always be remembered with love and laughter. You are in our hearts and will always be remembered with love and smiles. We miss you so very much. Mike and Deb Marley

Mike and Deb Marley - October 04, 2014 at 03:57 PM

JS

My condolences to the Rivers family. I worked for/with Dick for several years in DC. He taught me alot. The Dolphins lost a great fan. John Spencer

john spencer - October 05, 2014 at 10:39 AM