



## Richard Philip Gregory

October 12, 1937 - February 1, 2014

Richard Philip Gregory was born October 12, 1937 in Brooklyn, NY. At the age of 17, he entered the military with his mother's, Elizabeth Gregory, signature and permission. His amazing service was awarded by receiving one of the Twelve Outstanding Airman in the USAF in 1973. He supported the U2 Reconnaissance Program and for five years supported the Air Force One and VIP squadron at Andrews AFB. After serving 20 years, he retired in 1974 as a Chief Master Sergeant, a rank obtained by only one percent of the enlisted force.

He joined Mantech International after military retirement. At that time, Mantech had 115 employees. He was given the opportunity to learn and grow with the business. He held every management position in the company during the next 23 years, including Chief Operating Officer. He retired in 1998 as the Assistant to the Chairman of the Board. By that time, Mantech had grown to over 5,000 employees, located in 23 countries and 32 states.

In 1970, he joined the Greater Waldorf Jaycees. His community service through this organization was vast. The most important project for him was work with the developmentally disabled. He initiated the Special Olympics in Charles County, became involved with the Melwood organization, and joined the Board of Directors for the Spring Dell Center. He was president of the Waldorf Jaycee Foundation for 17 years. He also chaired the development of

the Walldorf Astor, a senior citizen complex. He worked very closely with the Jaycees sister city of Walldorf, Germany, where many visits between Maryland and Germany were made and many friendships sealed.

In 2004, Dick Gregory was presented with the John Bloom Award as Citizen of the Year and named Charles Countian of the Year by the Kiwanis Club. He was honored to receive one from the business community and the other from a civic organization. These awards recognized his achievements over the past 30 years in making Charles County a better place to live for all of its citizens. He pointed out that almost all of what he accomplished was achieved through the activities as a Waldorf Jaycee.

He shared his life and love with his wife of 52 years, Barbara Gregory. Together they raised two children, Paul Gregory and Jennifer Gregory Burch, and surrounded by five grandchildren: Michael, Alexis, Abigail, Maggie, and Phillip. He was a brilliant man who worked his way from nothing to become a powerful force in this world. But more than success, he gave more of himself than anyone we have ever met. A true hero and a true gentleman who will be greatly missed.

Richard "Dick" Gregory passed on February 1, 2014. Viewing will be held on Friday, February 7, 2014 from 2-4PM and 6-8PM at Raymond Funeral Service, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 2PM at the Waldorf Jaycees Community Center Hall, 3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf, MD 20601. Interment will be at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Charles County, 2505 Davis Road, Waldorf, MD 20603.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Viewing

FEB 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

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FEB 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center

3090 Crain Highway

Waldorf, MD 20601

<http://www.eventective.com/USA/Maryland/Waldorf/102306/The-Greater-Waldorf-Jaycees-Community-Center.html>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Philip Gregory*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Richard Philip Gregory*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Dick did so much to help so many people. Maralee and Dennis Shoemaker*

**Maralee Shoemaker** - February 09, 2014 at 07:00 PM



“ *"Dick Gregory - we will remeber you as our dear friend in Waldorf/Maryland, as a man who was host to many Walldorfers when visiting their American sistercity Waldorf and who made us feel at home in Maryland's Charles County. In the name of our former mayor Heinz Merklinger and present mayor Christiane Staab, of Jürgen Kamm and the members of the German-American Sistercity-Committe and of all citizens of Walldorf/Germany - Herbert C. Ebeling" (8. February 2014)*

**H. C. Ebeling, Walldorf, Germany** - February 08, 2014 at 04:02 PM

EF

“ Well done, good and faithful servant.  
Your talents and gifts to the Charles County community will be long  
remembered.  
You were a mentor and true friend.  
Emily Ferren

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**Emily Ferren** - February 08, 2014 at 12:00 PM

CB

“ Goodbye Mr. Gregory. You will be missed by many but forgotten by  
none?

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**Cassidy Burch** - February 07, 2014 at 03:08 PM

LM

“ Lisa Metzbower lit a candle in memory of  
Richard Philip Gregory



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**Lisa Metzbower** - February 07, 2014 at 12:19 AM

KC

“ Kathy Dodson Conklin lit a candle in memory  
of Richard Philip Gregory



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**Kathy Dodson Conklin** - February 06, 2014 at 10:32 AM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Richard Philip Gregory.*



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February 06, 2014 at 09:01 AM



“ *He was a wonderful and generous man. I'm so privileged to share just a small part of him and his family. I will always have sweet memories of the good times, good food, the laughter and love my family were able to be a part of because of his and Barbara's welcoming hearts. Love to Barbara, Jennifer and Paul.*

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**Doris & Jim Mohs** - February 05, 2014 at 03:12 PM