



Richard Harry Reckeweg

October 31, 1938 - January 8, 2025

Richard Harry Reckeweg, 86, of La Plata passed away the evening of January 8th, 2025.

A native of Washington, D.C., he began his Federal career with the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, cleaning fish tanks at the old National Aquarium in the basement of the Department of Commerce building. He met and married his wife Mary Beth and began his family with the birth of their first child, Cheryl. His career then took him, and his new family, to San Francisco for a short while. Upon moving back to D.C. they welcomed their second child, Michelle. A career promotion then took the growing family to New Hampshire (as he was working in Boston) where they welcomed their third child, John. A final promotion then relocated the family back to the D.C. region and the family settled in La Plata in 1979.

Richard was always a servant to his community. Over the years he served as the Market Master for the La Plata Farmer's Market, Member and President of the Clark's Run HOA, and countless volunteer roles at the churches he attended. Having a musical family, yet not being a musician himself, he became the perennial Roadie. Whether running the sound system or hauling equipment for the Vesper New Dawn Singers, lugging tables and cases for the Bell Choir, or just driving his family to rehearsals and performances, he was always there supporting his family in their musical pursuits.

His largest single community volunteer endeavor was with the Port Tobacco Players. He retired from Federal service on a Friday and was at the theater the following Monday where he spent the next 25 years volunteering approximately 30 hours a week. While he was never on stage he was always in the background doing whatever was needed to make PTP a success. No job was too small or too big; whether cleaning bathrooms, sorting screws, manning the box office, coordinating service technicians, filling out Grant requests, filing taxes, serving as Business Manager, or overseeing the purchase and expansion/renovation of the physical building - he did it all.

Richard is predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Mary Beth Reckeweg (née Stone); his parents, Frederick Reckeweg and Virginia Mae Reckeweg (née Andrews), his sister Lois Mae Keithley, and his brother Frederick Vernon Reckeweg.

He is survived by his daughters, Cheryl Reckeweg (David Bayles) and Michelle Bast (Gregory); son, John Reckeweg (Laura); and four grandchildren, Benjamin Bast, William Reckeweg, Nathaniel Bast, and Henry Reckeweg.

A viewing for Richard will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at Raymond Funeral Chapel in La Plata, MD. His funeral service will take place at 11am on Friday, January 17, 2025 at La Plata United Methodist Church. Interment will immediately follow at the church cemetery in Dentsville, MD.

Memorial contributions to go to:

Port Tobacco Players

PO Box 2030

La Plata, MD 20646

For more information please visit www.RaymondFuneralService.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JAN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

La Plata United Methodist Church
3 Port Tobacco Rd.
La Plata, MD MD
<http://laplataumc.org/>

Burial

JAN 17 (ET)

Dentsville Methodist Cemetery
East Charles Street
La Plata, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Richard one was on my regular customers at Marie's. I used to love seeing him a few times a week. I would even fight the other servers to have him in my section. Blue moon, with a glass, a sweet tea, and a bowl of soup while he figured out if he wanted anything else. I almost forgot about his blueberry pie addiction until just now. I used to love joking around with him, and his presence is sorely missed. He was a popular guy. Until next time, friend.

January 18, 2025 at 12:22 AM



“ My friend Richard. He was one of my customers at Wesbanco and what a JOY. i would call and check on him to make sure he ate. I'm glad I met him and my condolences to the family. Mary settles

mary settles - January 16, 2025 at 02:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Harry Reckeweg.

January 14, 2025 at 10:08 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Harry Reckeweg.



January 14, 2025 at 10:08 PM

VM

“ Valerie, John & everyone at JPozz Music purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard Harry Reckeweg.



Valerie, John & everyone at JPozz Music - January 14, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Harry Reckeweg.



January 14, 2025 at 11:28 AM

RF

“ Rick Frere & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Harry Reckeweg.

Rick Frere & Family - January 14, 2025 at 10:14 AM

RF

“ Rick Frere & Family purchased the Country Basket et Blooms for the family of Richard Harry Reckeweg.



Rick Frere & Family - January 14, 2025 at 10:14 AM

LM

“ Love, Sue, Mark, Justin and Melissa purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Richard Harry Reckeweg.



Love, Sue, Mark, Justin and Melissa - January 13, 2025 at 01:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Harry Reckeweg.



January 13, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Harry Reckeweg.

January 13, 2025 at 11:47 AM

HL

“ Uncle Dick was one of the kindest, most selfless people I've ever known. Always thoughtful, always generous, he helped everyone without hesitation. His warmth and sense of humor brought so much joy to our family, and your laugh was truly contagious - I will never forget it!. He had a way of making everyone feel special, and I will forever cherish the memories. He were my favorite uncle and one of the best men I've ever known. I will miss him more than words can say. Rest easy.

Holly Reckeweg Lloyd - January 13, 2025 at 10:07 AM

GH

“ Uncle Dick was one of a kind. Always there to help in any way. Always available to listen. Always ready to laugh at jokes, if they were really funny or not. I am sure he touched many, many lives in a good way, probably without even knowing it. I will miss him.

Gail Reckeweg Hendry - January 11, 2025 at 08:40 PM

GG

“ I am so sorry for your loss.
Gloria Groeger

Gloria Groeger - January 11, 2025 at 05:43 PM

WF

“ With Love - The Reckeweg Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Harry Reckeweg.

With Love - The Reckeweg Family - January 11, 2025 at 04:18 PM

WF

“ With Love - The Reckeweg Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Richard Harry Reckeweg.



With Love - The Reckeweg Family - January 11, 2025 at 04:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Harry Reckeweg.

January 11, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Harry Reckeweg.*



January 11, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ *Richard was one of the kindest, patient, loving and funny guys we've known. He was a superb husband to Mary Beth and such a great Dad and Grandad. He was always so fun at family gatherings. We will all miss him. Love, Kathi & Pete*

Kathi & Pete Dolder - January 11, 2025 at 03:31 PM