



J. Richard "Dick" Gauthey

March 22, 2022

J Richard (Dick) Gauthey

Dick was born March 8, 1932 in Baltimore, MD. He graduated from Staples High School in Westport, CT and went on to study mechanical engineering at Cornell University. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and in the Navy ROTC program while at Cornell. He met his wife Janet at Cornell and they married after graduation in the summer of 1955. Dick was commissioned in the Navy which took them first to Newport, RI and then to Norfolk, VA, where their son Tom was born. They then moved across the country to Berkeley, CA, where he obtained a masters degree in fluid dynamics and added daughter Julie to the family. Later came moves to Rockville, MD and Pearl Harbor, HI. Dick and the family really enjoyed their time in Hawaii and Dick & Janet returned five times to visit. The next move was back to Newport for a year and then on to Charleston, SC for two years before finally moving to Springfield, VA in 1971. He held a number of positions in the Washington area until his retirement from the Navy, as a Captain, in 1985. He then taught science, math and engineering courses at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) for 15 years.

Dick was a charter member of Burke Presbyterian Church in Burke, VA. He served on the Session, the Budget and Finance Committee, and the New Members Committee. In recent years he also served as the Treasurer of the

Spiritual Life Committee at the Westminster at Lake Ridge retirement community where he lived.

Known to all was Dick's love of birds and his huge collection of bird stamps. He began bird watching when he was 11 years old, but got really serious after he graduated from Cornell, at which time he also began collecting bird stamps. He and Janet traveled around the world looking for birds, and seeing some beautiful locations as well. Brazil, South Africa, Australia, Kenya, Costa Rica and Argentina were some of the locales they visited. Dick and Janet were married for 61 years before Janet passed away in February 2017.

Dick, 90, passed away on March 22, 2022 after a brief illness.

Dick was preceded in death by his wife Janet, and his parents Jules L. and Philomena Gauthey. He is survived by his sisters Joan Gauthey and Diane Jenkins, son Tom (Brenda) of Eclectic, AL, daughter Julie Bradshaw of Williamsburg, VA, 3 granddaughters, Erin (Zac) Peden, Megan (Donny) Wilson, and Jessica Bradshaw, 6 great-grandchildren: Kate, Colin, and Ella Peden, and Dean, Scout and Kit Wilson, nephews Jack, Peter, and David Jenkins and niece Anne Jenkins.

A memorial service will be held at 2pm on April 24, 2022 at Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Dr, Burke VA. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Burke Presbyterian Church.

A special thanks to the Burke Presbyterian Church congregation, residents and staff of Westminster at Lake Ridge and the staff of Capital Caring Hospice for their kindness and support during this time.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Burke Presbyterian Church
5690 Oak Leather Drive
Burke, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *J. Richard "Dick" Gauthey*

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of J. Richard "Dick" Gauthey.*



April 17, 2022 at 07:22 PM



“ *Tom and Brenda were our dear neighbors and friends for 31 years, which is how we met Dick and Janet. During that period, we would see Tom's parents most every year when they came to visit, and then on to partake in one of their favorite pastimes... bird watching. They were kind, respectful, and a pleasure for us to know. Dick will be missed by all that knew him. Kathe's and my thoughts will remain with the Gauthey family as they remember his life, and mourn his passing.*

*Our Heartfelt Sympathies
Jim & Kathe Boarman*

Jim Boarman - April 06, 2022 at 10:25 PM