



Richard Edward Lee

September 29, 1942 - January 20, 2023

Richard “Dick” Edward Lee (80) passed away on January 20, 2023. He was a resident of Lake Ridge, VA at the time of his death.

Dick was born September 29, 1942, in East Stroudsburg, PA to Howard Jay Lee and Elsie Cecilia (Fairclough) Lee. During his youth, he and his family lived in Augsburg, Germany and Verdun, France following his father’s military assignments. From youth to his early career, he was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Dick joined the U.S. Army on June 28, 1961 and served 20 years in both signals and human intelligence fields. Throughout his military career, he was stationed throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia including Fort Dix, NJ; Ft. Devans, MA; Ft. Meade, MD; Frankfurt, Berlin, and Munich, Germany; Monterey, CA; Goodfellow Air Force Base, TX; and Arlington Hall Station, VA. A graduate of the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA, Dick was fluent in several languages including French, German, and Russian. During the Vietnam War, Dick was stationed in Bien Hoa, Zi Anh, and Nui Ba Denh and was assigned to Det. 2, 3rd Radio Research Unit to serve as a French and Vietnamese Voice Intercept Officer in direct support of the 1st Infantry Division (Big Red One). While serving at the National Security Agency (NSA) he met the love of his life, Beatrice (Hanley). They were married on February 15, 1969, and together they raised two daughters. Dick retired from the Army

as a Chief Warrant Officer (CW2) on July 1, 1981. Following his retirement from the Army, Dick worked as a defense contractor until his retirement in 2011.

Dick enjoyed fishing, playing cribbage and scrabble, hiking, woodworking, traveling, and spending time with his family. He was skilled in the restoration of antique tools.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, stepmother Gretl (Vlasack) Lee, and sister Sandra May.

Dick is survived by his two daughters, Mary Ellen (John Smith, Springfield, VA) and Susan (Monte Metzger, Manhattan, KS), two grandchildren, a sister Janet Arnold, and a nephew and niece.

A memorial service and inurnment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD, 21741-5014.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Dick at Lake Ridge, when he was on the BOD. We became good friends and every year on my Birthday I would find a 4 pack of Guinness and a balloon on my desk, he never forgot. After we left Lake Ridge we stay in touch via email. He was a great man and a true friend.

Chris O'Donnell - January 31, 2023 at 12:54 PM

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“ I served with Dick for many years on the Lakeridge HOA. He was always reliable and practical in his in-puts at meetings as we dealt with various HOA issues. I also worked with his wife, Bea, in a domestic violence program. They were both friends. Mike Dakes

Mike Dakes - January 25, 2023 at 10:43 AM

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“ I met Dick in the 80's when he was a board member for Lake Ridge and I was just starting my career. He was always the calm voice of reason and thought in any discussion. I learned a lot from Dick about the business world and life in general - he was a great mentor and be always be lovingly remembered for his kindness and compassion.

Mark Brooks

Mark Brooks - January 25, 2023 at 08:41 AM