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Richard C. Wilkinson of Leesburg, FL, passed away on August 30, 2022. Richard was born in Philadelphia, PA on July 28, 1941 to his loving parents; William and Dorothy (Chappel) Wilkinson.

Richard was of the Presbyterian faith and was a member of the Fraternal order of Eagles in Okahumpka. Richard devoted 12 years to service in the United States Army, he recieved his Bachelor's degree in Oceanography from the University of Maryland worked as a technician for many years; which gave him the opportunity to travel around the world for work. He visited places like Japan, Norway, Italy, Greece, Greenland, Bahrain, Israel and the Arctic.

In high school, Richard met Margaret (Peggi), but it wasn't until after they graduated in the same class together that they started dating. Richard spent a wonderful 56 years with his beloved wife, and together they enjoyed gardening, cooking, and spending time with family. Richard was also an avid landscaper, and his hobbies included wood carving and fixing clocks.

Richard was very active in his community and will be remembered for his kind and quiet nature, and he always had a smile on his face. He was a dedicated family man and loved spending quality time with his daughter and granddaughter; walking the dog and playing out in the yard.

Richard is survived by his wife, Margaret Wilkinson of Leesburg, FL, his daughter; Dawn Lynn Wilkinson of Panama City, FL, his precious granddaughter Sarah, and a brother; Ronald K. Wilkinson of Bismarck, ND.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother William Wilkinson.



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RW

Ronald W Wilkinson posted:

I have many memories of Rich but the ones that stand out most vividly are the ones from our growing-up years. In Philadelphia our world was the concrete driveway between two row houses. We created our own games and played them in the brick canyon. Before the developers found them, we had some vacant lots with trees to climb. We were all adventurous but Rich was the most daring and usually the first to try something. We moved to Charleston, SC when Rich was 9 yrs old. We went to a country school on James Island (1 - 8 grade). Kids in the 6th grade did not have to wear shoes to school. I was disappointed since I was in the 7th grade -- Bill & Rich thought it was great. We had an idyllic boyhood in the 1950's. Swimming in the Stono River, climbing trees, riding our bikes all over the island -- all without "adult supervision." Our parents gave us a great gift: they let us be kids. Two years later we entered the Florida beach world and it was fun. We would float in inner tubes in the nearby creek - going downstream with the outgoing tide & back again as the tide rose. We learned to water ski. As I recall Rich made the process seem so easy. He was a natural. Rich was the only one of us 3 boys to have a chemistry set & that was interesting. Electricity came naturally to Rich. He built a digital clock out of diodes, wires & other parts. He once took apart a desk clock that wasn't working & fixed it. Just to catch our attention, he replaced the paper face with numbers on it upside down. He could always find a way to make us laugh. On our road trips North he was always the first to ask "are we there yet?" I will miss him more than I can express here. Ron W.

September 25 at 10:06 AM

LP

Linda Parrish posted:

We met Rich and Peg when we were lucky enough to be neighbors in Slidell, La. We enjoyed many weekends boating on river with all our kids and dogs. We had a nice group on our street to eat and be merry with. Rich had many stories of all the places he'd been. Our thoughts and prayers are with Peg, Dawn and Sarah. Linda Parrish

September 11 at 2:16 PM

BP

Barry P lit a candle in honor of Richard.



September 4 at 8:50 PM



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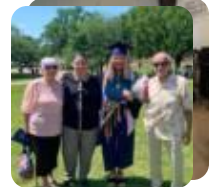
Anonymous sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the Wilkinson family.



September 4 at 2:59 PM



Sarah shared 2 photos to the **Tribute** album.



September 2 at 3:17 PM



Michael Bendzlowicz shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I traveled often with Rich, learned much, laughed often. His view points were always on point and he always were positive in any situation. I will always remember his joking character, love of life and sense of adventure. His guidance in my career were instrumental in making me a better person. I will miss him. Prayers.



September 2 at 12:41 PM



Michael Bendzlowicz September 2 at 12:42 PM

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Caught this picture of him and grandma dancing once night at the Eagles.



Grandpa with all his ladies.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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