



## Richard L. Crowley

August 22, 1930 - October 5, 2021

Richard Llewellyn Crowley, 91, passed away peacefully surrounded by friends and family at his home in McDaniel Maryland, on October 5, 2021. In his final hours he was given a military tribute by local veterans that was wonderful.

A graduate of Thorton Academy, he then attended University of Maine briefly before Enlisting in the United States Marine Corps, when war was eminent. Richard was a decorated USMC Veteran, receiving 2 Purple Hearts, the good conduct medal, UN service medal, national Defense service medal, and the Korean service medal all while serving in the Korean War.

He was a lively, fun loving son, husband, father and friend to many. He grew up surrounded by several close cousins and extended family members.

He was grateful for his humble beginnings as a lobsterman's son. He was proud of his time working alongside his family at Crowley's Lobster Pound.

He met the love of his life , Barbara Reid Smith, delivering lobsters to the Smith residence in Biddeford Pool. You could say he took the Crusher claw of the lobster, grabbed her, and never let go.

While on leave, in August of 1952, he asked Barbara to marry him, and within a week they were married in Saco, ME on August 15, 1952. His cousin Marshall Goodwin and his wife Diane served as their Best man and Matron of honor.

They then relocated to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he served out the remaining time in the US Marine Corps. He was honorably discharged in January of 1954. The next move took them to Charlottesville, Va where he attended the University of Virginia. He graduated with a BS degree in 1958. Sons Richard jr and David were both born during that time. Upon graduation, they moved to Webster, MA where he accepted a job as a scientist at Fisher Scientific. While in the lab, he discovered that coffee and OJ could be freeze dried and thus the birth of freeze dried coffee and Tang. Son Mark and Daughter Linda were born during that time in Webster.

He then took a job at Brown University as a purchasing agent. Several years later he was offered a position at Children's hospital in Boston, where he worked until 1972. He then made the move to State College, PA where he accepted a position At Pennsylvania State University. He retired in 1994 as Vice President of Purchasing. During his PSU Career, he served as President of the National Association of Education Buyers.

Some of Richard's personal accomplishments was that he was an Eagle Scout at age 12, a Little league coach, 32° Mason, Lifetime member of VFW and attended many parades and presentations. Active in the Marine Corps League and participate in the annual Toys for Tots Drive. A member of a Bowling League, sung in a Barbershop Quartet, a photographer, developing film in his home dark room to digital technology, Participated in slide clubs and art exhibitions. Making custom frames and mats being selected many years as an exhibitor at the Penn State Arts Festival. He taught photography classes at many organizations. He captured his time in Korea with the use of his little Brownie camera. He was President of the Holiday Ramblers RV Club for several years and would hold rallies in various states. He was very clever with words and wrote many poems, one which was published in the paper during his deployment to Korea.

Richard and Barbara would spend each Winter in Naples, Fl where they made several close and lifelong friends at The Waves (Paradise Point) resort. They traveled the world extensively.

Visited all 50 States and even renewed their wedding vows in the Arctic Circle.

All Because Two People Fell in Love....

Richard is survived by his sons: Richard Llewellyn Crowley Jr (Kathy), of Howard, PA; David Burton Crowley (Ora Rehm), of Clayton, NC; Mark Brian Crowley (Laura), of Boalsburg, PA; his daughter: Linda Crowley Warner (Bradley), of McDaniel, MD; his sister: Barbara Crowley; and brother: Wayne Crowley. He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara Reid (Smith) Crowley. He has 11 Grandchildren and 5 Great-grandchildren.

Donations can be made in his honor to Wreaths Across America. <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

Services to follow at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia

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## Arlington National Cemetery

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# Events

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**NOV 24** **Burial with Military Honors** 02:00PM

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Arlington National Cemetery

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# Comments

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“ Sending heartfelt condolences to the Crowley family. I worked with "Mr. C" during his tenure at Penn State University. He was a champion of the underdog and he treated everyone with respect and kindness. He was a great leader. Mr. C adored his family and he and Barbara raised four fantastic children. He will be missed by all who knew him. So sorry for your loss.

Georgia Garman Kreamer

Georgia Garman Kreamer - October 11, 2021 at 10:12 PM

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“ The U.S. Marines, Navy Fleet Marine Force Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains, and Associate Members of the E. T Brisson Detachment #063 of the Marine Corps League in Naples, Florida, hereby salute and recognize Richard Llewellyn Crowley for serving God and his country by becoming a United States Marine. We honor his memory and valiant service to our Corps and our great Nation. Please accept our heartfelt sentiments as a token of our esteem and admiration of his L'Esprit du Corps. Semper Fidelis.

Marines of the Marine Corps League Napl - October 11, 2021 at 04:08 PM

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“ Because of our mutual enjoyment of photography, I got to know Dick and Barbara through the State College Photo Club. We had so many enjoyable times together with photo club friends who enjoyed boosting one another's photographic capabilities through field trips, meetings and friendly competitions. Dick was always so much fun and welcoming to others with his careful listening abilities and sly sense of humor. He was patient and generous and he made a very positive difference in our community. Just thinking about him makes me smile and I'm sure that's true for many others who knew him.

Alice & Brian Clark  
State College, PA

Alice Clark - October 11, 2021 at 11:53 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to the entire Crowley family. Dick was my boss and mentor for several years at Penn State. He was always principled, ethical and set high standards. I was fortunate to follow in his position after he retired. Dick and Barbara were also friends and neighbors of my wife and I. After Dick's retirement we did not see them as often as they were always on an RV adventure. He was blessed to have had a long and very full life with wonderful family.

Jim Dunlop

Jim Dunlop - October 09, 2021 at 09:56 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss! I know my dad will be happy to see his cousin(more like brothers). I remember going to visit at State College I believe during the Penn State Art Festival & was so excited to find something with my name on it spelled like I did. 50 years later I still have it! We also went to Gettysburg that year I think & then on to Maine. God bless, Kari Verrill Susemichel

kari Susemichel - October 08, 2021 at 10:33 PM

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“ We loved Pops...his sense of humor, his kindness, and love of dogs. He loved Mollie and Bobby. What a wonderful man. Pops will be missed by all that knew him. Be in peace. We love you Pops! Jill, Jeff and Bobby.

Jill - October 08, 2021 at 08:50 PM

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“ I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to work with Dic while he was at Penn State. I always enjoyed his sense of humor and his New England accent! God Bless Dick and his family.

Gary Schultz - October 08, 2021 at 04:35 PM

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“ We met him while he was at the Waves RV Resort through his very caring and wonderful daughter Linda. Such a fun, funny and sweet man. I read his obituary and I must say what a rich life he had lived. I am honored to have known him, even for a little while.

**Tammi & Wayne Smith** - October 08, 2021 at 02:15 PM