



George Whitfield Richards III

February 1, 1941 - March 30, 2017

George W. (Dick) Richards III of Oxford, MD, loving and beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, will be sorely missed by his wife, Bonnie, of 55 years. Dick died suddenly on Thursday, March 30, at the Gardens of Bayleigh Chase after a prolonged medical battle.

Dick was deeply proud of his three sons, George W. (Whit) Richards IV, Los Angeles; David Forster Richards, Havertown, PA; and Andrew (Drew) Ross Richards, Ambler, PA. His seven grandchildren were the lights of his life, in order of age, Cameryn, Brenna, Lily, Lukas, Graham, Nathan and Blake, by whom he was called "Cappy." Never having had a daughter, he especially enjoyed his three daughters-in-law, Kati, Janis and Andrea. He is also survived by his two sisters, Deborah Deschamps of Annapolis, MD, and Paula Tobin of Grasonville, MD.

Dick lived outside of Philadelphia, PA, during his working years while he and Bonnie raised their family. Starting out in sales, Dick advanced to President of G. Whitfield Richards Co., Manayunk, PA, a firm that twenty years ago became RichardsApex Inc., and is still manufacturing metal working lubricants today. While living in PA, Dick was involved with the Radnor Boy Scout Troop #284, was on the boards of Northlight Community Center in Roxborough and Manayunk Development Corp. He also was President in 1986-87 of the Wire Association International in Madison, CT. Upon his retirement, Dick and

Bonnie moved to "Someday Point" outside of Oxford, MD. Once settled in MD, Dick golfed at the Talbot Country Club, served on the Membership Committee of the Tred Avon Yacht Club, was Commodore in 2012 of the Poplar Islands Yacht Club, and was on the board of the Oxford Community Center. He was an avid outdoorsman, especially when it came to fishing, hunting, and boating, who loved to feed and watch birds as well as raise Koi in his pond.

A gathering to celebrate Dick's life will be held at the Tred Avon Yacht Club at 11:00 AM, Saturday, April 8. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to one of the following:

Oxford Community Center, 200 Oxford Road, Oxford, MD 21654;

Northlight Community Center, 175 Green Lane, Phila, PA 19127;

The Tred Avon Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program, P.O. Box 337, Oxford, MD 21654.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Tred Avon Yacht Club
100 W Strand
Oxford, MD 21654
(410) 226-5269

Tribute Wall



“ George Whitfield Richards III

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ George Whitfield Richards III

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ George Whitfield Richards III

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ My recollections of Dick primarily go back to our days at the Friends' Central School. I remember as a young man Dick was quite mature and responsible for his age. He was well thought of by his classmates. Dick was always pleasant, friendly, good natured, and typically active in School activities. He was fun and very sociable, frequently planning get togethers with friends at his parent's home. They, too, always seemed to enjoy Dick's friends.

Although I did not see that much of Dick after graduation, I know that he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, which is exactly what I would have expected. Dick was a first-class gentleman. I know he will be sorely missed by his family and friends. I certainly will miss seeing Dick at our Friends' Central reunions.

Susan Kelsay

Susan Kelsay - April 10, 2017 at 05:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George Whitfield Richards III.*



April 05, 2017 at 12:10 PM



“ *I don't know where the alligator is today, but it was sure fun seeing Dick find it in his salad!!! That alligator traveled many miles in the Drummond and Richards suitcases!!! Always a surprise to find it when we got home!*

Our hearts are heavy, we will miss Dick so very much.

*Our love, hugs and prayers to all the Richards,
John "Pilsbury Dough Boy" and Sue "Wrongway"*

John & Sue Drummond - April 04, 2017 at 01:24 PM



“ *The Sautter family formerly of Galer Drive extends sincere sympathy to Bonnie, Whit, David and Drew. 'Dick' was a great neighbor and friend for many years, almost 20, as the kids grew up. His obituary in the Inquirer paints an excellent picture of a wonderful man, husband and father as we knew him to be. David (Sr.), Dave, Mary, Amy, Richard and Matthew.*

David Sautter - April 04, 2017 at 11:42 AM