



## Langston Eugene Richardson

June 17, 1929 - September 26, 2018

Langston “Rich” E. Richardson, Jr, 89, passed away on September 26, 2018, in Easton, MD.

A child of the Great Depression, Rich grew up in the wilds of rural Louisiana where at the age of 5 he met his first and only sweetheart of 84 years, Murlene Richardson (nee Clark), to whom he was married for 65 years. Rich joined the US Navy out of high school and began an adventure that took him all over the world and the US as an enlisted man and officer. During his time in the Navy, he served his country in the Korean War and devoted himself to the difficult homefront of Vietnam, comforting the loved ones of those lost in combat. He was a Navy “Mustang” and worked long nights on his education culminating in an officer’s commission and a Master's degree from George Washington University. His final station was at Quantico Naval Hospital, where he retired as a lieutenant commander in the Medical Service Corps and expert poker player after 24 years of service.

Some might slow down after their first retirement, but Rich was just getting started. After the Navy, he worked to found, build and manage Potomac Hospital in Woodbridge, VA, serving as its first administrator. After his retirement there, he became the administrator of Stonewall Jackson Hospital in Lexington, VA, where he served the community for ten years and the Richardson Christmas party was a highlight of the holidays every year. After

his third and final retirement, he and Murlene traveled throughout the US, frequently visiting family and friends. When his wife fell ill after a stroke, Rich lovingly cared for her himself every day for over a decade without a word of complaint.

He was a longstanding member of Rotary International, a Master Mason (Scottish Rite), past President of the Rockbridge County Chamber of Commerce, amateur boxer, avid gardener, patriot, devoted friend and the boss of any room he walked into throughout his life. He loved his family and was happy in their company, and generous with his time as his grandchildren and great-grandchildren grew up to whom he was known as “The Great Great Daddy” – which he found hilarious.

Rich was a man of few words, but always had high expectations of those around him and himself. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Murlene Richardson ,and his first son, Michael Gene Richardson.

He is survived by his son, Daniel C. Richardson (Lillie) of Stevensville, MD; his daughter-in-law, Cecelia Richardson of Hartford City, IN; his grandchildren, Daniel C. Richardson Jr (Kalah) of Alexandria, VA, Dr. Joshua D. Richardson (Alice) of Greenwich, CT, Shannon E. Fear (Justin) of Hartford City, IN, and his great grandchildren, Finn J. Richardson, Charlotte I. Richardson of Alexandria, VA, and Charles M. Fear of Hartford City, IN.

He passed away peacefully after a short, painless illness in the company of his family, happy to go on his own terms to join his beloved wife and son.

Anchors Aweigh, Old Boy!

A graveside service will be held on Friday, October 19, 2018, at 12pm at Quantico National Cemetery in Quantico, VA.

Those wishing to honor Rich are encouraged to make donations to the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society, [www.nmcrs.org](http://www.nmcrs.org).

## Cemetery Details

### Quantico National Cemetery

Quantico, VA

## Previous Events

### Graveside Service

OCT **19**. 12:00 PM.

Quantico National Cemetery  
Quantico, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langston Eugene Richardson*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Langston Eugene Richardson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Langston Eugene Richardson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I can truly say Mr. Richardson was one of the best people I've ever been lucky enough to meet. You knew he entered the room before you even looked up, his prescence was that great. He made me better just by being around. I will miss seeing him, sharing a story and a laugh dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with his loving family.*

**Kelly Johnson** - October 05, 2018 at 04:53 PM



“ *I was so lucky to get to know Mr. Richardson. Anyone who met him immediately felt that way. He had delight and humor in his eyes and a warmth and joy that was contagious. He commanded a room and reminded all of us of the best in people. He will be remembered fondly at Heartfields where we all felt lucky to know him and his wonderful family.*

**Melissa Boudrie** - October 05, 2018 at 01:57 PM

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“ Rick , as we knew him at Heartfields, was a very interesting man to be a table mate here! Always, courtesious, polite & had many entertaining stories to share with us. He grew up during the depression & enlightened us about life back then.

One in particular I'll always remember is about the Baptist Church that was next to a saloon. As I recall due to hard times, his father worked there. On a Sunday morning during church service if his father heard a toot on a car horn he would leave church & open the saloon for the customer, much to the disgust of his wife! But the sale of booze kept food on the table!

I only had the privilege of knowing Rick for about 3 1/2 months but they were most memorable & I'll never forget him. As will be case of all whose lives he touched!

God's peace & blessings be with the Richardson family. Martha Ann

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**Martha Ann** - September 28, 2018 at 12:58 PM