



Richard Walter Ford

March 10, 1926 - December 19, 2013

If you can play golf in heaven, surrounded by old friends, with a stop at the 19th hole afterwards, we'll know where to find Dad.

Richard Walter Ford was born on March 10, 1926, and left us on December 19, 2013.

He was a delightful man, husband and father, and brought a warm heart, rapier wit and good will to every situation. Born in Madison WI, he grew up in Des Moines, IA, and proudly played football for U of Iowa. He enlisted in the US Army during WWII, and was stationed in Saipan. Typically his war stories were more about stealing the beer truck than witnessing "action." He often said in later years there is no pacifist like a deployed soldier and was enormously proud of the efforts his generation made to preserve our freedom.

In 1950, he married beautiful Ann Piekenbrock of Dubuque, IA. Throughout his life he declared there was no man luckier. Devout Catholics, they had five children in fairly quick succession; Mary, John, Thomas, Michael, and Steven. As the years unfolded, he became a beloved father-in-law and treasured grandpa of eight.

In 1973, Richard purchased The Wharf restaurant and marina in St. Michaels. It was a family-run complex, with boat docking and repair, plus a 300 seat

restaurant. The restaurant was known throughout the area for its .99 spaghetti feeds. On those nights, spaghetti lovers lined up out the door and across the parking lot. He loved that crowd, and enjoyed a laugh with every diner. His enjoyment of food, cooking and sharing a good meal was both his creative outlet and gift to others. In Dad's heaven, the Packers will win the Super Bowl every year.

He had an open door policy for young people, welcoming their ideas, fearlessness, and humor and greatly enjoyed telling jokes and stories. A dream come true was visiting Ireland with his four sons in 2003. Together they toured the family cottage in County Mayo, meeting aunts and uncles while raising a glass to family present and remembered.

He will be missed every day. He was the cornerstone of his family and will remain in their hearts forever. His tenacity, humor, loyalty, and integrity live on.

Richard is survived by his lovely wife Ann; daughter, Mary of Easton, (daughter Sara and son Matthew); son, John of Easton (wife Peggy, son Ben, wife Kate Livie), son, Michael of Easton (wife Patricia, daughters Alison and Whitney), son Thom of Trappe, (wife Leslie Passano, daughter Molly); and son, Steven of Trappe (wife Donna and daughters Carter and Emily).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Walter Ford*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Richard Walter Ford*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Richard Walter Ford*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Ann - we just learned of Dick's passing So very sorry for your loss. Its' been a long time since we shared time with you and Dick. Carl so enjoyed golfing with Dick and our three kids loved getting chicken from who they called "chicken man". I remember the arts events we attend with you and Dick and at the art auction won the one print I had picked out.*

God Bless you and keep you in his loving care.

Vann and Carl Zick, Wilmington, NC (formerly Cary, NC)

Vann Zick - September 28, 2014 at 04:59 PM

AE

“ To Ann, John and all the Ford kids and their kids. I just heard via email of Dick's passing, don't know how I missed it. I'm so sorry for your loss, but so glad you had such an amazing husband, father and grandfather as I know Dick was. Bless you all. Love, Amanda Erickson (and Lars too)



Amanda Erickson - January 08, 2014 at 09:19 AM

VN

“ Winter golf, the colder the better, with "apple knockers", Dick Ford and anyone else who had the courage to play-great memories!

Vernon Nily - December 26, 2013 at 11:42 AM

KN

“ Our heavenly Father, Jehovah hates death; he views it as an enemy. (1 Corinthians 15:26) That is why he has "a yearning" to conquer that enemy, to undo death by means of the resurrection. He longs to bring back those who are in his memory and to see them live on earth again to be reunited with their families. (Job 14: 14, 15) You have my sincere condolences.

K. Nichols - December 20, 2013 at 07:15 PM

DP

“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Richard Walter Ford



Doug Pierson - December 20, 2013 at 08:36 AM

PF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Ford family.* ”



Phil Foster - December 19, 2013 at 11:41 PM