



Richard Wayne Pieper

October 28, 1949 - November 14, 2022

Richard Wayne Pieper of Chestertown, MD, passed away on November 14, 2022. He was 73 years old.

Rich was born in Waterloo, IL, on October 28, 1949, the son of the late Alois L. and Louise Marie Pieper.

After graduating high school, he attended the University of Illinois and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Engineering in 1970. He served in the U.S. Navy and worked as an officer on a nuclear reconnaissance submarine. He was honorably discharged and went on to work as a civilian employee for the Navy, recruiting and eventually becoming the Director of Concord Naval Weapons Station in Concord, CA. He retired when the Navy closed this base in 2008. In 2009, he married his wife, Paula Hubbard.

Rich was an avid sea kayaker. He was a member of the Chesapeake Paddlers Association in Maryland and the Bay Area Sea Kayakers during his time in California. He enjoyed spending time outdoors: camping, hiking, and kayaking. While he could be a touch stubborn at times, he was the kindest man I ever knew. He enjoyed helping people and loved his animals.

In addition to his wife Paula, he is survived by his sisters, Mary Thomas and Brenda Miller, and his brother, Roger Pieper.

Services will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Animal Care Shelter of Kent County at 10720 Augustine Herman Hwy, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Wayne Pieper*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Richard Wayne Pieper*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Richard Wayne Pieper*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Rich was a great paddler and always willing to help. I remember a paddle off Fleets Island on the Rappahannock River when he volunteered to take an elderly member back to the launch and rejoin us on the paddle. He went on an odyssey and got the member loaded up and back in his car, then caught up with us well before we got all the way around. A real gift to a trip leader!*



Ralph Heimlich - November 20, 2022 at 01:50 PM

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“ Rich was such an amazing water-reader and current-planner. My first-ever CPA trip, a December kippburzz , Rich and Paula led because Marshall was sidelined. I'd been paddling on my own til this trip, stopping every few strokes to sip water, snap a photo....those little respites came to an abrupt end as we hustled out of Kent Narrows to pick up the peaking current towards Queenstown. A sip of water would've left me a hundred yards behind as Rich's plan for the river to do the work came into effect. Sue, George, Paula and Rich caught the current with such expertise, it was a beautiful sight watching the three paddles flash and jet ahead. I think everyone who's paddled in this group knows Paula was never more than a paddle stroke away from me as I wondered why Marshall thought it'd be a good day for me to join the group. I had fears and doubts...But it turns out it was a great day for me to join the group, become friends and learn about the water from someone who loved it so much. Miss you, Rich.

Katie O'Meara - November 17, 2022 at 08:46 PM