



Richard "Dick" William Story

August 7, 1945 - May 23, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Richard ("Dick") William Story, 79, of Betterton, MD. Surviving Dick are his wife of 57 years, Virginia; his children, Karen Cherry (Stephen), and Jeff Story (Lauren), his six grandchildren: Ryann, Nathan, Ella, Theo, Rue and Joshua, his brothers Jack (Linda) and Martin (Dee), and his sisters-in-law Candi Sorge (John), Liz Clark and Mary Alice Munson (Don).

Dick began his career as an announcer for WCTR Radio in Chestertown, MD. In 1966 he entered the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany where he commanded the 84th Engineering Company. Upon leaving the Army, he went back to WCTR before moving to WTTR in Westminster, MD where he was the News Director, Announcer and Sports Play-by-Play.

In 1979 he joined the Carroll County Economic Development Commission where he became the first full-time Executive Director. He also held leadership positions at the Greater Baltimore Committee, the Maryland Economic Growth Associates (MEGA), the Washington Baltimore Regional Association and the Baltimore County Economic Development Commission. He served as the CEO of the Howard County Economic Development Authority ("HCEDA") for nearly 18 years where he created the NeoTech Incubator, the Howard Tech Council among many other award-winning programs. Dick finished his career at Howard Bank where he was the Senior VP, Community Relations & Governmental Affairs.

His career is marked with countless awards and recognitions, some of which

include the Corridor Person of the Year (2006), Maryland Economic Development Association Hall of Fame (2006), Leadership Howard County Distinguished Alumnus Award (2007), HCEDA Lifetime Achievement Award (2013), Leadership Howard County Legacy Award (2016), Central Maryland Chamber Lifetime Achievement Award (2017), NAIOP Service Provider Award (2018) and Howard County Chamber Exemplar Award (2018).

Dick was generous with his time to non-profit organizations through volunteer work and Board service. He served on the Board of the Baltimore Regional Council for the Boy Scouts of America and was named the Good Scout of the Year by Baltimore County in 1990 and Howard County in 2000. He was the American Cancer Society's Maryland Volunteer of the Year in 1983 and they issued him a National Leadership Medal in 1991. He was always willing to support numerous organizations by lending his legendary voice as emcee of events, galas and fundraisers. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Dick's memory to a charity of your choice. This way his legacy of giving back can be honored through the support of many organizations.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 11am at the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown, 905 Gateway Dr., Chestertown, MD.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Presbyterian Church of Chestertown
905 Gateway Drive
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Boy Scouts; working for Max Crowding; subsequently working side by side at Crowding's Bingo with Donald, Jane, and Ronnie; swimming the Northeast River in the summer of '62 to earn the Scouting One Mile Swim badge, where Dick removed the monotony of the long swim with his impromptu comical songs; his antics and expertly executed somersaults on the diving board at the week-long Camp Rodney; his coaching our baseball team for one or two years, along with Frank Pinder during our early to mid teen years; his always finding a reason to laugh at my pathetic jokes; sharing a college Economics class; and his circus catch of a high foul ball during a wiffle ball game at the beach, where he sprinted from the sand, across the boardwalk, over the benches, bouncing on his butt after slipping on the wet grass, with the ball simultaneously landing in his cupped hands at his lap, as if the entire scene could only have happened in a TV cartoon are some of the most vivid memories of Dick during our '60s days in Betterton. The loss from his passing is immense. My deepest sympathy to Ginny and family.*

S. Hall - June 25, 2025 at 11:31 AM

JB

“ *Hi Story Family and Friends,*

This is John Birk living in West Hartford.

I am Dick's cousin along with my sisters Lorelei and Carla. So sorry to hear this news.

My father (his uncle Wally passed in 2016).

His two brothers i hope are doing okay.

My email is jwbirk@comcast.net.

My condolences to all the family.

John Birk - June 14, 2025 at 08:03 PM

MS

“ With you all in spirit today 🙏



Marie Story - June 14, 2025 at 06:38 AM

MW

“ There are very few people in this world like Dick Story, and it was an honor and privilege to know him. A true role model whose life was a beacon of service. His legacy will survive through the lives he touched and the inspiration he leaves behind. Sharon and I share our support to you all, and we are making a donation in Dick's name to Alzheimer's Association.

Matt Wilson - June 13, 2025 at 11:11 AM

RW

“ To Dick's entire family, I am so sorry for your loss. I had the distinct honor of working with Dick for nearly a decade. He was a true gentleman, a class act, a treasured mentor, and most of all, a good friend. While I haven't seen him for some time, I will miss seeing his Facebook posts on passing ships on the Bay and his regular "Happy Birthday, young man" comment each year on my birthday. So many great memories from a truly great man. Ray Weiss



Ray Weiss - June 13, 2025 at 11:00 AM

NG

“ Nancy And Jim Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Story



Nancy and Jim Greenwood - June 12, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" William Story.



June 12, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard "Dick" William Story.

June 12, 2025 at 10:35 AM

MH

“ Steve and I knew Ginny and Dick from church and Scouts in Westminster, MD. So thankful for his life! Our condolences to Ginny and the family. Marilyn Halstead

Marilyn A. Halstead - June 11, 2025 at 05:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard "Dick" William Story.

June 11, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" William Story.



June 09, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ We send our deepest sympathy to Ginny and the family...



Bob and Linda Payne - June 04, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ I was so sad to learn of Dick's illness that would eventually take him from all of us. Like many, Dick was always helpful and friendly to me. He seemed to always have time for me even when he really didn't.

My forever memory of Dick will be the MEDA crab feast at Ripken Stadium. He and I sat at the end of a table and said about 10 words to each other over the course of an hour while devouring a pile of crabs. His parting compliment to me was "I like eating crabs with you. It's all business"! I was made!

Dick Story was a gentleman and a gentle man. RIP my friend.

To Ginny and the family, I wish you God's Peace...John Wasilisin

Wasilisin John - June 02, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" William Story.*



June 02, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard "Dick" William Story.

June 02, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ *My deepest condolences. He was a great person, a professional, and an advocate for community and economic development. I learned much from him about ED during my tenure as Executive Director, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. His legacy is the enhancement of Maryland counties and towns.*

David Jenkins - June 02, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ *Dick and my husband, Bruce, were involved with Troop 381 in Westminster, MD. I send my condolences to Jeff as our son, Eric, would want me to do so. Bruce passed away in 2021 and we had moved to the Eastern Shore, Easton before he passed away. Bruce loved the Troop involvement and was so appreciative of Dick's contributions. I send my love and condolences.*

Nancy

Nancy Larson - May 30, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" William Story.*



May 29, 2025 at 12:01 PM



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“ *Our love and prayers to Ginny and family....we knew Dick in Westminster....always grateful for his service to church and community! Steve and Marilyn Halstead*

Marilyn A. Halstead - May 28, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Dick Story*



Leslie Sea - May 28, 2025 at 02:29 PM

LS

We are heartbroken to hear of Dick's passing. He is and will forever be a part of the WCTR family. He was one of the kindest wittiest and most genuine people ever and there is a huge void in the world without him.

Leslie Sea - May 28, 2025 at 02:33 PM

MC

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Richard Story "Dick" through banking. I am forever grateful he led me to Maryland Council on Economic Education, and the wisdom he offered so freely. I will miss his presence(even when you are not in the same room) and his sunsets. Job well done, take your rest. My condolences to his family.

Michelle Coates - May 27, 2025 at 12:36 PM

CW

“ Always a class act, great sense of humor, so generous of his time and a life well lived. A true treasure, that will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers to Ginny and family.

Coleen West - May 27, 2025 at 12:11 PM

MB

“ I had the biggest crush on Dick when I was a little kid. He had the greatest eyes. I can still see him standing in our kitchen at Fairgale and he was always nice to me. Then fast forward 60 plus years and he was always kind and patient with my grandson when we would go to the train show. He was truly a great guy. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Melinda Blyman - May 27, 2025 at 12:00 PM

NL

“ :) A big loss for all of us, but gosh, Heaven has gained a great one! It is a huge blessing to have known Dick Story. Thank you Ginny for sharing him with us so unselfishly. I met Dick when he was at HCED and on the BWCC board. Later, it was a treat to work with him through the Kent County ED board commission. His wonderful legacy is that he made a positive difference in all that he did and in the lives he touched! See you in Heaven my friend! You'll be at the podium, but save me a seat!:)

Nancy LaJoice - May 27, 2025 at 10:37 AM

DB

“ Dick is the embodiment of a classic gentleman...friendly, kind, engaging and always with a smile and warm greeting. He will be remembered fondly for who he was and all he accomplished through his impactful career. Condolences to his family and friends near and far.



Denise Beaver - May 27, 2025 at 10:22 AM

PB

“ Ginny and family, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. We have many fond memories together, especially at the CHS Alumni picnics. He will be missed.

Phyllis (Hudson) Brown



Phyllis Hudson Brown - May 27, 2025 at 10:22 AM

MW

“ *Marian Walbert Wyble lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Story*



Marian Walbert Wyble - May 27, 2025 at 09:35 AM

JH

“ *Sympathy to Dick's family. This is sad news. He was a gentlemen and an important Maryland and Howard County leader. -- Jay Hancock*

Jay Hancock - May 27, 2025 at 09:20 AM

JN

“ *Joyce Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Story*



Joyce Nicholson - May 26, 2025 at 09:54 PM

JC

“ *Prayers and love to Ginny and family*❤️



Jo Ann Connolley - May 26, 2025 at 07:59 PM

SC

“ Dick had a unique ability to relate to people and see humor even in the most challenging situations. He was extraordinary supportive of me for which I am eternally grateful. But mostly I remember how much he adored his family. I know you will miss him terribly but your shared love will endure for generations to come. You have my deepest sympathies.

Shirley Collier - May 26, 2025 at 07:25 PM

CC

“ Cindy Clark lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Story



Cindy Clark - May 26, 2025 at 04:44 PM

CC

Will miss his smile entering Clark's Seafood. So sorry.

Cindy Clark - May 26, 2025 at 04:45 PM

LD

“ So sad to hear haven't seen Dick for years. He played slow pitch softball on our county champion Benny's Kitchen softball team back in the 70's. Always had a friendly smile and great personality.

larry davis - May 26, 2025 at 02:18 PM

AC

“ Dick was a tremendous resource and gentleman. He gave so much to his profession and friends. Gone too soon. He will be missed. Condolences to the family.

alan coppola - May 26, 2025 at 09:56 AM

TJ

“ Sending so much love, what a wonderful man who adored his family beyond measure. ☐. I am so sorry for your loss.

Torrey Jenkins - May 26, 2025 at 09:51 AM

DS

“ Deborah Stroman lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Story



Deborah Stroman - May 26, 2025 at 06:59 AM

MB

“ Mae A. Beale lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Story



Mae A. Beale - May 26, 2025 at 02:41 AM

EC

“ Ginny, Perry and I are so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Eva Coppersmith - May 25, 2025 at 10:10 PM

NA

“ *Sharing a moment in Siena with Ginny and Richard in 2013 during a Chamber of Commerce trip. One of so many memories since 1972!* ”



Nellie Arrington - May 25, 2025 at 09:39 PM

RS

“ *Rhonda Wilson Spry lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Story* ”



Rhonda Wilson Spry - May 25, 2025 at 09:39 PM

MA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Mark - May 25, 2025 at 09:33 PM

BR

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to Ms. Ginny, Karen, Jeff and families. Mr. Dick was a very kind and friendly neighbor from back in our Ward Avenue days.* ”

Brenda Johnson Roper - May 25, 2025 at 08:26 PM

HH

“ *Harriette Hall lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Story*



Harriette Hall - May 25, 2025 at 08:18 PM

JY

“ *I played semi pro football with the Carroll County Md Chargers. Dick was a play by play announcer. Dick was a tremendous contributor to our state in many ways and will be sorely missed by all. John B Yingling Westminster, Md*

john Yingling - May 25, 2025 at 06:38 PM

JA

“ *So sorry to hear this news. I had the pleasure of working with Dick and saw his wonderful talent when he MC'd our Hospital's anniversary dinner. He wasn't just 'The Voice of Howard County,' he was a genuinely kind, gentle, and understanding man who was a cheerleader for everyone. He will certainly be missed. My condolences to his loved ones.*

jan - May 25, 2025 at 05:11 PM

KS

“ *Ken and I are so sorry for your loss, Ginny. Dick was such a nice person. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family at this difficult time.*



Ken & Louise Stonesifer - May 25, 2025 at 05:04 PM

GD

“ 1 file added to the album Dick Story



Greg Davy - May 25, 2025 at 03:02 PM

GD

“ I am one of legions who were touched by Dick's kindness and support. I first knew him as a voice on WTTR radio in Westminster, where I went to high school. In later years, I knew him in his role as a supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, where I spent seven years of my youth before earning my Eagle Scout badge. It was always an honor to see Dick at troop functions, and he was genuinely interested in what was going on in others' lives. I was hoping to visit him sometime in Betterton; I am sad that I will no longer have that opportunity. -- Greg Davy, Troop 381, Westminster, MD

Greg Davy - May 25, 2025 at 02:59 PM

JE

“ What a great guy. So sorry for your loss. Always was kind to everyone

Jeff - May 25, 2025 at 11:33 AM

MS

“ Dick had such a huge personality, he just lit up the room. He will always be in our hearts. My love, thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

Marie Story - May 25, 2025 at 10:20 AM

SC

“ Sherri C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dick" William Story.

Sherri C. - May 25, 2025 at 09:48 AM

HB

“ Such a loss! Dick was a friend to everyone! He will be remembered for his welcoming spirit, smile, and genuine love of life. His family and friends meant so much to him. May he rest in peace. Honi Bamberger

Honi Bamberger - May 25, 2025 at 05:46 AM

JF

“ Judy A. Fleming lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Story



Judy A. Fleming - May 25, 2025 at 04:54 AM

PS

“ Phyllis Schultz lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Story



Phyllis Schultz - May 25, 2025 at 01:39 AM

PS

“ Dick was one of the best people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. He was always kind, good natured and a friend to everyone, who knew him. He will be missed by so many. My deepest sympathy to you, Ginny and to your family. I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Phyllis Schultz - May 25, 2025 at 01:38 AM

FL

“ We are very sorry for your loss.
Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.



Frankie and Cathy (Atwell) Legg - May 24, 2025 at 06:17 PM

DH

“ Donna Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of
Richard "Dick" William Story



Donna Hollingsworth - May 24, 2025 at 05:39 PM

DS

“ Dave And Donell (Crowding) Smith lit a
candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William
Story



Dave and Donell (Crowding) Smith - May 24, 2025 at 04:37 PM

BD

“ Dick was my first and best economic development mentor when he hired me as an intern at the Baltimore County Economic Development Commission, then for six years at the Howard County Economic Development Authority. He was a true leader who was kind and generous, with a great sense of humor. Dick always gave great advice and made a lasting impact on my professional career. I enjoyed keeping up with him on FaceBook with his photos of sunsets and ships, giving me lovely glimpses of my old home in Maryland from my new home in Ohio. What a difference he made in this world.

Bethany (Crouse) Dentler - May 24, 2025 at 04:14 PM

NB

“ Nancy Brice lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" William Story



Nancy Brice - May 24, 2025 at 02:06 PM