



Richard D. "Dick" Etsell

August 20, 1942 - March 26, 2021

Richard D. "Dick" Etsell, 78 of Longboat Key, FL passed away peacefully on March 26, 2021. Dick was born in Stoneham, MA on August 20, 1942.

During his full and vibrant life, Dick proudly served in the Army, was an avid traveler, enjoyed walks on the beach, and loved motorcoaching in his later years.

Being a devoted Mason and Shriner himself, Dick built a business for the purpose of serving Shrine fraternities which has continued successfully for nearly 50 years serving over 30 Shrine Centers in 11 states and other charities along the way. His company and its purpose were his lifelong passion.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents Gordon and Rita Etsell, sister Susan Chandler and brothers Kenny Etsell and Pete Etsell.

Left to cherish his memory are his sister Karen of Orleans, MA, nieces, nephews, and great nieces as well as many friends and longtime employees who considered Dick family.

His loved ones give special thanks to Dick's caregivers, especially Joseph Derosier for the humble compassionate care and friendship he gave Dick

these last few years.

As were Dick's wishes, no service is planned, and his remains will be interred at Sarasota National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Shriners Hospital for Children in his memory.

Tribute Wall

TS

“ I worked with Shrine Services for several years and I knew Dick pretty well. He was a nice and caring man. He had a rough side but still he always cared about the children his company and his organizations helped. May his dreams and legacy live on to help others for many years. I will be praying for his family and friends during these saddened times. May God give each of you comfort and peace!

Tracy Slice - March 31, 2021 at 05:53 AM

JA

It was a pleasure working these few months with Dick. I've learned a few from him. He will be missed.

Jessica Alexis - March 31, 2021 at 09:03 AM

LS

I worked with Dick as a care giver. I got the pleasure to work for him and he became fond of me and I him. It was a pleasure to serve him and he will really be missed. My condolences to his friends and family.
Landa Savage

Landa Savage - March 31, 2021 at 08:42 PM

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I worked for Dick as a HHA. He was an amazing person who had a rich and full life he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during these difficult times. 🌸

Aima - April 01, 2021 at 12:20 AM

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Aima - April 01, 2021 at 12:24 AM