



Richard (Rick) Raymond Williams

May 29, 1928 - May 8, 2023

Richard (Rick) Raymond Williams (almost 95 years around the sun!) of Longboat Key, Florida, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2023 surrounded by family and friends.

Rick, also known as Pop Pop to his family, was born to Helen Giesen and Charles Williams on May 29th 1928 in Portland Oregon along with his identical twin brother Roland Williams. Rick was a loving soul who loved to live by the water, play cards, travel the world and most importantly, spend time creating memories with family and friends. His unwavering faith in God, sense of humor, love of music, love for waffles and all things chocolate are just a few traits that are admired by so many.

Rick graduated in 1946 from Cretin High School in St. Paul Minnesota and joined the ROTC while enrolled there. Their experiences were so memorable, that Rick and Roland established the "Superior Cadet Scholarship" in 1999. After graduating high school, Rick enlisted in the Army and served in Italy and Greece, receiving the Army of Occupation Medal and the WWII Victory Medal.

While stationed overseas, he met and married his first wife Patricia Devereaux Jennings in 1948. After Rick was honorably discharged from the Army in 1949, he worked for the Voice of America Relay Station based in Tangier, Morocco. Upon returning to the States, he graduated in 1953 with a BBA

degree from the University of Minnesota. Rick joined General Motors Personnel department in 1953. He was also a member of the Elks, Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis and a friend of Bill W. After 32 years of a successful career in Personnel at GM, Rick retired in 1984. Post retirement and the passing of his first wife in 1983, Rick went on to marry Dorothy Williams in 1986. Together they eventually settled on Longboat Key, creating many more loving memories, traveled the world, making new friends and spending time with family.

Rick is survived by his wife of 37 years Dorothy Williams and five children, Judith Williams, Deborah Bart, Melissa Alexander (Larry), Richard Williams Jr (Kimberly), and Patricia Wadors (Dave). He is also survived by two stepchildren, Bryant Dowden (JoJo), Alexis Johnette Dowden, 12 amazing grandchildren, five awesome great grandchildren, one great, great granddaughter and many nieces and nephews. What a legacy!

Rick is preceded in death by his first wife Patricia Williams, children Barbara Guess, Cynthia Williams, Geoffrey Williams and his brother Roland Williams.

Ricks family will host a service on June 3rd, 2023. The service will be held at St. Mary, Star of the Sea RC Church on 4280 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key, Florida at 11AM. Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Richard & Roland Williams scholarship fund at Cretin High School, St. Paul MN. www.cretin-derhamhall.org.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Star of the Sea
4280 Gulf of Mexico Drive
Longboat Key, FL 34228

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard (Rick) Raymond Williams.*



May 31, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ *Every memory of Rick is a happy memory, we just loved him making our time in LBK such fun; thank you Rick Luv*

Heather&Paul - May 20, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ *What a pleasure to know this man for close to 14 years. Rick never seemed to have a bad day, and after reading of his wonderful family and legacy, it's not hard to see why. Rick was a kind, caring and giving person and a longtime member of our Longboat key Kiwanis Club. Hope I get to see you again in heaven Rick. I know you are there!*

Michael Garey - May 19, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard (Rick) Raymond Williams.*



May 14, 2023 at 09:10 PM

JK

“ *My deepest condolences to the Williams family in this difficult time.*

*In sympathy,
Jackie Kaden*



Jackie Kaden - May 12, 2023 at 04:30 PM

SJ

“ *SHARON & JOE lit a candle in memory of Richard (Rick) Raymond Williams*



SHARON & JOE - May 11, 2023 at 04:09 PM

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“ *The VEC Team lit a candle in memory of Richard (Rick) Raymond Williams*



The VEC Team - May 11, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard (Rick) Raymond Williams.*



May 11, 2023 at 01:30 PM

SR

“ Rick,
I am sending big hugs to you and your family. I am sure you have wonderful memories and I loved all the stories of you going out to eat with your dad and the gang. Love, Steph

Stephenie Rulli - May 11, 2023 at 10:14 AM

MO

“ *MONA lit a candle in memory of Richard (Rick) Raymond Williams*



MONA - May 11, 2023 at 06:58 AM