



Richard Alden Woodward "Dick"

July 30, 1926 - November 30, 2022

Richard Alden Woodward, "Dick," passed away on November 30th, 2022, at his Nokomis, FL home with family and friends by his side.

Richard A. Woodward was born in Plainville, MA on July 30, 1926. He was the son of Oswin and Marion Woodward, and brother to the late Clifford "Cip" Woodward and the late Barbara Johnson. As a child, Richard enjoyed spending time with friends, fishing, bike riding, and racing box cars. He was a Boy Scout and had an avid interest in trains, airplanes, and all things mechanical.

Upon graduating from Plainville High School in 1944, he began his military career starting with The Merchant Marines and later attended King's Point Marine Academy at Navel Headquarters. He enlisted in the Marine Corps and served in WW2 in 1945, touring the Caribbean on the USS George Washington. He later took employment at the Northrop Corporation as an engineer and designer of military equipment focusing on submarines.

He married the late Geraldine Desjardins in 1947, sharing three children together. The late David Woodward, the late Miles Woodward, and Crystal Maddocks.

He later met and married the love of his life, Lorraine Achorn, in the Spring of

1970. Dick adopted Lorraine's two children, Chuck Woodward, and his sister Diane Lindemayer.

After retiring, Dick and Lorraine settled in Nokomis, Florida. It is here they enjoyed many long hours of sunshine and sea breeze together with family and friends. Moving forward some years later, Lorraine fell ill with ALS. Dick remained her dedicated and loving caretaker until she passed in 2002.

Later in his life, Dick filled his days with volunteering as a companion and offering assistance to the veterans of Sarasota. He continued this important work and charity for more than a decade.

Throughout these many purposeful years of his life, Dick always showed unwavering love and care for those around him. He was generous with a resolute commitment to those in need, while never wanting to take credit for it. He loved nothing more than spending time with his family; His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched.

Dick is survived by his three children, Crystal Maddocks, Chuck Woodward, and Diane Lindemayer. His seven grandchildren, Jennifer Neighbors, Ben and Chris Woodward, Sarah Brown, Jesse Maddocks, Jenna, and Ryan Lindemayer. And his eight great-grandchildren, Keegan and Skylar Neighbors, Henry and Miles Woodward, Logan, Kylie, Natalie Woodward, and Jack Brown.

Small services will be held for family and close friends in Sarasota, FL, and in Plainville, MA

Tribute Wall

NB

“ I had the opportunity of working with Richard on his memoir *Roads Of A Lifetime*. He had written it in longhand on a legal pad in his own words. The book is a record of his life and the love he felt for his wife and family, friends, and achievements. I thought the book was finished five times, but then he'd call and ask if there was room to add more. The last entry was the notice of the passing of his firstborn son, David. Having worked with him so closely I, myself, felt the loss deeply. Richard was a man of character and strength, of pride and respect. I thank you for the privilege of knowing him.
....Nancy Buscher



Nancy Tancey Buscher - April 30, 2023 at 12:06 PM

TP

“ We had many great shared times with Dick over these past 10 years. He was a kind, gentle, intelligent and generous man of integrity. Now, Safe in the arms of Jesus. He is already missed.
Teresa and Al Parker

Teresa parker - March 05, 2023 at 10:02 PM

TS

“ *My beloved father Stephen Shyan and his dear friend fellow Marine Mr Dick Woodward. Semper Fi*



Tina Shyan - February 20, 2023 at 07:08 PM

TS

“ *Mr Woodward was a dear friend of my father, Stephen Shyan, and fellow Devil Dog. Mr Woodward was there with me in my Father's final days at hospice and escorted me to my Father's funeral. He was a Marine and a gentleman of the highest caliber, Honor and integrity. My thoughts and prayers to the family that he spoke so lovingly of. I was proud to know him and deeply grateful for his friendship to my Dad. He will be deeply missed. Semper Fi. Tina Shyan*



Tina Shyan - February 20, 2023 at 07:05 PM

KP

“ *He will be missed.*



Kevin Puccio - January 24, 2023 at 09:49 AM

SC

“ I remember Dick coming to visit Chuck and I. The two of them would share a beer and a chat around the campfire. My condolences to the family. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed 💔 Sherry



Sherry Curtis - January 08, 2023 at 05:42 AM

CW

“ Dad will be missed, we had alot good times, family cookouts trying to toss you in the pool, another great memory, got him to come out to fourth cliff recreational area, where Sherry and I vacation at Humarock. Miss both you and mom. Love you both.



Chuck Woodward - January 07, 2023 at 08:43 PM

TL

“ -Dad W.: Will cherish the fond memories we had when you and Crystal visited with us out here in the CT NW hills those many times. Love you very much and we know you are at peace in God's grace in heaven, Tom



Thomas L. - January 07, 2023 at 08:22 PM

DI

“ *Dad, I'll always remember your lemon chicken. I love you & mom very much, Diane*



Diane - January 07, 2023 at 07:35 PM