



Richard "Dick" E. Rewalt

March 6, 1933 - April 28, 2021

Richard E. "Dick" Rewalt, age 88, of Traverse City, Michigan, died at home on April 28, 2021, surrounded by four generations of his family.

Dick was born on March 6, 1933, the oldest child of the late Mercedes and LaVerne Rewalt. He was raised in Detroit, attended St. Joseph's High School and University of Detroit Evening College of Commerce and Finance. In 1969, Dick received his law degree by attending night school at Detroit College of Law.

He was a Certified Public Accountant, working forty years at Godfrey, Hammel, Danneels & Co. PC in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. For more than twenty of those years, he was the firm's managing principal. Dick's vision and hard work helped grow the firm of eight that he joined in the nineteen sixties to a firm of sixty-five, the largest CPA firm on the eastside of Detroit. Even though he retired in 2001, he is still talked about today by colleagues and clients. He was active in the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, serving as its President in 1993, as well as the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, serving on various boards and committees. When Dick retired from public accounting in 1999 the MICPA presented him with the Distinguished Service Award for his many years of service to the profession.

Dick was also a long-time co-owner of Yogi Bear Jellystone Park in Traverse City. He was known to listeners of WJR in Detroit as Ranger Smith. Every Friday he would discuss the weekend weather and upcoming events in northern Michigan. In the early days of the campground, he spent weekends during the summer as the recreation director, organizing activities for the campers. He was also never reluctant to don the costume and play the part of Yogi Bear in search of picnic baskets. He was the perfect Yogi.

Dick and Hedy moved to Traverse City full time in 2001. He always wondered why people traveled the globe when the world's most beautiful beach was East Bay in Traverse City. It didn't matter if he was trolling for salmon at sun up or sun down, dining out at one of his favorite restaurants, playing chauffeur for winery tours, reading a book, or just sitting on his deck looking at the water, he loved living in Traverse City.

Dick is survived by his true love of 68 years, Hedy. Loving and supportive father of their five children Sandi Rewalt (Gary Galopin), Scott Rewalt (Pam), Steve Rewalt (Mary Kaye), Shari Rewalt (Ed Aziz) and Staci Rewalt-Kolasa (Steve Kolasa). Big brother to Joan

Sackett of Florida and the late Don Rewalt. Eleven grandchildren who he couldn't be prouder of and the never-ending competition to determine the favorite. Crystal, Jason, Nicole, Brandon, Chris, Leah, Courtney, Ellen, Lizzy, Andrew and Natalie. Twelve great grandchildren. Dick learned the good news that a thirteenth great grandchild is due in November.

On Monday, June 14, 2021 there will be a Visitation from 6:30 to 7:30 pm with a Rosary to follow at Christ the King Catholic Church located at 3801 Shore Road, Williamsburg, MI.

On Tuesday, June 15, Visitation will be from 10 am to 11 am with Mass to follow. For those unable to attend, Mass will be streamed at ChristKingChurch.org.

You may view Dick's obituary online and send a condolence to the family at <http://www.Reynolds-Jonkhoff.com>.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like you to consider donations to The Father Fred Foundation (826 Hastings Traverse City, MI 49686).

Events

JUN 14 Visitation for Family and Friends 06:30PM - 07:30PM

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Christ the King Catholic Church

3801 Shore Road, Williamsburg, MI, US, 49690

JUN 15 Visitation for Family and Friends 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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JUN 15 Memorial Mass 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Our thoughts are with Hedy & family. We wish to express our sympathy. Sure enjoyed many times together when we lived in TC several years ago. Can't get there for the funeral. Will continue our yearly Christmas Card exchange! God bless...

Tom & Georgia Stoeber

THOMAS C STOEBER - June 14 at 07:23 PM



“ Our sincere condolences on the passing of your husband and father, Mr. Rewalt; or as I knew him growing up "Uncle Dick". He played an important and influential role in my life (and our family's) and I have many positive memories. I know he will be greatly missed.

Tom Reardon

Tom Reardon - June 12 at 09:27 AM



“ God Bless, Dick! He was a great guy and a great mentor to me. His common sense approach to problem solving and to personal interaction has stayed with me to this day.

Rest In Peace, my friend.

Tom and Diane Beard

Thomas Beard - May 19 at 08:38 PM