



Richard Charles Gove

May 17, 1932 - February 28, 2013

Richard Charles Gove, 80, of Traverse City died Thursday, February 28, 2013 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Dick was born on Tuesday, May 17, 1932 to the late Irene (Koch) and Michael Gove in Cleveland, OH. Following his high school education, Dick earned his Bachelors Degree at Miami Univeristy in Oxford, OH. He proudly served our country as a member of the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict, serving from 1950 until 1952, having been discharged at the rank of Cpl (T).

On Saturday, December 27, 1958, Dick married the former Margaret Louise Hall at a ceremony in Gettysburg, PA.

Retiring in 1989 as the Zone Vice President for Marketing for Dow Chemical Company, Dick and Margaret lived in many areas of the country due to his work. In his off time, Dick loved fishing, golfing, and tennis, as well as downhill and cross-country skiing. He was an active participant in many organizations: Past President of the Midland Country Club, Past President of the Trappers Lodge Condo Association at Shanty Creek, Past President of SCORE which he worked with for 14 years. He was a member of the Business Advisory Group for NMC, a member of the Traverse City Golf and Country Club, the Elks Club, The Economic Club and a member of First Congregational Church. Dick also volunteered at Probate Court as a conservator for many individuals. He also served on the Restorative Justices Citizens Panel, which was one of many ways he helped others achieve. Dick especially enjoyed working out at Premier Fitness with his "Zipper Chest" group.

Dick is survived by his wife Margaret "Peg" of Traverse City, his children, Richard Charles (Amanda) Gove, Jr. of Atlanta, GA, Kimberly Gove Arbury of Midland, his grandson, whom he affectionately called the Crown Prince, Richard Anderson Arbury of Midland and a sister, Kathy (Don) DuPont of Chicago. He is also survived by his many, many friends who will miss his positive, uplifting attitude. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Service of Celebrating Dick's life will be held on his birthday, Friday, May 17, 2013, beginning at 1 PM at First Congregational Church, Traverse City. Friends may greet the family beginning at 12 noon. Burial will be in the Garden of Remembrance at First Congregational Church.

Memorial contributions may be directed to a scholarship being established in Dick's name at NMC or to Habitat for Humanity.

Please share your memories, stories and photos of Dick by way of his online guest book/tribute wall at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery

Garden of Remembrance at First Congregational church

6105 Center Road
Traverse City, MI, 49684

Events

MAY Visitation 12:00AM - 01:00PM

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First Congregational Church
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MAY Memorial Service 01:00PM

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Comments



“ To Peg Gove, Family and Friends,

As all of you know, Dick was a wonderful friend to so many people! He was our close and truly respected friend and we miss him so very much! Dick had many friends in the different places where he lived, worked, or when he often helped others with problems or to achieve.

Dick and Peg were wed on the same day that Carlyne and I had our wedding. That was December 27, 1958. Dick and I both started our working careers the same year, and we both retired after about the same number of Dow service years. However, our career paths varied so that, we didn't get to know each other until about the mid 70's, when we returned from a seven year Dow assignment in Hong Kong. Then we also learned we both had wonderful children, a boy and a girl about the same age and they also went to Dow High together. Since we were married on the same day, we celebrated our wedding anniversaries together for many years. The last anniversary dinner, sadly, was on December 27, 2012 in Traverse City.

Dick was an organizer and kept events on a, be-there-early, and a close time schedule. One event we enjoyed with Dick and Peg for many years was the "Farewell to Fudgies" Golf Outing which was held for years in the Traverse City area. Another event we entered and labored at for years was the Member Guest Golf Outing at the Traverse City Country Club. Finally, after about 10 years we finally won the event in a playoff on the eighteenth hole. It was finally happy times for the Gove/Johnson team! A piece of our hearts is now gone with Dick, and we miss him dearly.

Our Love and prayers are with Peg, his family and friends!

Arnold "Bud" and Carlyne Johnson

Arnold Johnson - May 16, 2013 at 06:46 PM



“ Peg Gove & family

Our dear friend and former boss is gone. He and Cammy worked so well together as a team in the Dow Chemical Atlanta Sales Office. He always made her feel special and was a joy to work with, not for. Ron also enjoyed working with him in our office. We have many fond memories.

Peg, both you and Dick were and are wonderful, warm people. We know Dick is with our Lord, sharing his special talents. So sorry we did not have a chance to see each other in the past few years. However, we know how you all love Traverse City and we enjoyed visiting with you in your beautiful home.

May the Lord be with you and your family as you remember the wonderful times shared with a very special gentleman.

Love in Christ,

Ron & Cammy Wagner

Ron & Cammy Wagner - March 12, 2013 at 08:03 PM



“ Peg and Gove Family,

Paulette and I offer our condolences to you on Dick's passing. I worked with/for him in Atlanta in the mid-80's and have many fond memories of Dick. He was a super "boss", not the dictatorial type, but one that we looked up to, admired and appreciated his experience. He fondly called many of us young chargers "Tiger" for our tenacity and free spirits. He enjoyed his position immensely and made many positive and progressive changes as the Atlanta office became the fastest growing and most advanced territory in the US.

We attended many parties with Dick and Peg, and were always welcome in their home. We will miss his humor and great disposition, but know he is now in a better place, looking down on us and smiling!

Love to all,

Greg Keeley
Boulder, CO

Greg Keeley - March 10, 2013 at 07:06 PM



“ Peg, we were saddened to receive the message regarding Dick's passing. He was a friend, a mentor and a great guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Jim & Marianne Phillips

Jim Phillips - March 07, 2013 at 05:10 PM



“ Dear Peg,

We were saddened and shocked to hear of Dick's passing this last week. Dick was one of the finest gentlemen I have ever known. Even though it is winter, I find myself looking for the corvette at the foot of Front Street and finding Dick walking somewhere downtown. I will miss seeing him at the Club when he was playing golf or when the two of you were having dinner. He would always quiz me as to how things were going at the college. He will be greatly missed by a lot of people who had the pleasure to know him. Marie and I are so sorry for your loss.

Marie and Jay Hooper

Jay Hooper - March 04, 2013 at 01:41 PM



“ Dear Peg,

May I send you my deepest sympathy and say that my thoughts are with you and your family. I will never forget Dick's kindness to my husband John. I know you are grateful for the many happy years you shared with him.

I will always think of him with fondness.

Sincerely,

Roslyn Mullen

Roslyn Mullen - March 03, 2013 at 05:20 PM



“ Dear Peg & family, We were saddened to hear of Dick's passing. He was one of the good guys at Dow and will be missed by us all. Dick was a great friend both professionally and personally. We shared some fun times together and the memories will be lasting. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

God bless you. Love, Shirley & Bob Ryan

Bob Ryan - March 03, 2013 at 03:10 PM



“ Dear Family,

I was saddened to hear about the passing of Dick last month.

I had the good fortunate to know Dick throughout my career at Dow Chemical. Dick was the training manager for my sales training class and helped a great deal in my acclamation to the company. We also interfaced at various levels throughout both Dick's and my career.

I know this a sad time for all of his friends and especially his family. My deepest condolences to all of you. He was a good man and will be missed.

Gary Forrest

Gary Forrest - March 03, 2013 at 02:20 PM



“ It is with great sorrow that we mourn the death of our good friend Dick Gove. We will always be appreciative of his love for us and our family, his very positive-can do attitude and his generous spirit. Dick was a unique mentor to his fellow workers at Dow and a champion of superior customer relationships. He was a fine husband, son, brother, father and grandfather. His unselfish service to his community---no matter where he lived--was a tribute to his love of God. Our thoughts and prayers are with Peg and his family and we stand ready and eager to be of any assistance them.

Sincerely,

Don, Pat, Melany and Mark Pirkle

Donald Pirkle - March 03, 2013 at 01:30 PM