



Richard Brooks Murray

April 22, 1931 - July 26, 2022

Known to all who knew and loved him as “Dick”, Richard Brooks Murray was born on April 22, 1931 in Birmingham, Michigan, the son of Francis and Laura (nee Brooks) Murray, settled there where they raised their three children, Dick, his brothers Robert (d. 2009) and Howard.

Dick graduated from the University of Michigan in 1953, joined the army and was stationed in Korea. After his honorable discharge he returned to Ann Arbor and married Mary Mullins, his college sweetheart. He began his professional career with Chrysler Motors where he remained until his retirement. During his time with Chrysler, Dick and Mary raised three sons and lived Italy, Turkey and Argentina and England. They loved travel and collected paintings and furniture abroad. In 1978, they returned to the US and lived in Troy, Michigan. Mary passed away after a long battle with cancer in 1986.

In 1988, Dick was sent to Milan, Italy for a Chrysler joint venture, followed by another in Graz, Austria. He then retired and married Shirley Gibson, a retired teacher. Dick and Shirley moved to Traverse City, Michigan where they enjoyed entertaining an assortment of friends and family at their home on Long Lake. In their thirty years together, Dick and Shirley enjoyed many common interests such as bridge, traveling and golfing. They often hosted foreign exchange students who were attending the Interlochen Center for the Arts, which they supported.

Dick had many passions in life, but one of his most enduring and deepest was for the University of Michigan, particularly the football team. He never missed a Saturday, whether that meant traveling to the stadium to cheer the Wolverines on in person, or sitting comfortably in his favorite chair at home. Dick had a seemingly bottomless well of anecdotes and facts about the places he had been and the people he met along the way. His family could be sure to hear something new every time Dick delved into his personal history, which was filled with humorous adventures.

Dick is survived by his wife Shirley, brother Howard (Judy), sons Steven (Joanne), James, and Thomas (Sonia), Shirley’s daughters, Deborah (Peter), Jane (John) and Amy, his grandchildren, Joss, Callum, Alexander, Sabrina, and Shirley’s, Anne, Scott, Woody and Clark.

A celebration of Dick's life will be held at 1pm on September 13, at the Presbyterian

Church. A gathering will follow on the South Wing Porch at Cordia.

Cemetery Details

The Prayer Garden of The Presbyterian Church

701 Westminster
Traverse City, MI 49686

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Presbyterian Church
701 Westminster Road
Traverse City, MI 49686

Tribute Wall



“ *Send BEAUTIFUL Flowers Locally to the family of Richard Brooks Murray. Express your condolences, giving comfort and support. Click here to view selections on our website*

Send Flowers - July 29 at 06:12 PM

AA

Dear Shirley,

Please accept my heartfelt condolences on passing of our dear friend and your husband, Dick! I have fond memories about his kindness, generosity, hospitality and humor. As mother of two children from abroad, I remain deeply grateful for taking care of them, when they first arrived in US.

May he Rest In Peace!

Anna Akmuradova

anna akmuradova - August 02 at 07:23 AM

JZ

“ *Dear Shirley and girls, I am so sad for you. Dick was a dear husband, father and friend. I always enjoyed playing bridge with Dick as a partner. He always seemed to have an interesting tale to share from his life experiences. I am sorry that I will not be intown for his servcie. My thoughts are with you.*

Jean Zerges



JEAN D ZERGES - September 12 at 11:36 AM

LG

“ *Dear Shirley,*

We are so sad at the death of our friend Dick. We always enjoyed his collections, his wry sense of humor, his skill at bridge, and his stories. We were blessed to share many happy hours with the two of you. He was gracious even as he faced his illness, even as it began to limit his activities. We were not there in his final years, but our memories of him will remain cherished memories. We pray that you find solace in your family and your many friends and activities. Dick will be missed by many.

Laurie and David Gabel



Laurie Gabel - September 03 at 04:27 PM

KS

“ Dear Shirley, We were so sad to learn of Dick's passing. On behalf of the entire IAF community, please accept our deep condolences. Dick was an important member of the IAF Board for almost two decades and faithfully volunteered at IAF events during that entire time. His experiences overseas and commitment to education in the community were much appreciated. Personally, I always enjoyed his wry sense of humor and looked forward to seeing that twinkle in his eye when making a quiet joke. He will be missed. Much love from Karen and Jack



Karen Segal - August 04 at 08:59 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Howard & Judy Murray - July 30 at 05:15 PM

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The Murray Boys, 2004. From L to R - Howard (the baby), Bing (Robert, the eldest, d.2009) and Richard, always affectionately referred to by Howie as "Brother Richie." Rest easy, in peace..... Thank you for your service..

Howard & Judy Murray - July 30 at 05:19 PM