



Richard A. Goetz

January 18, 1932 - September 1, 2022

Richard A Goetz, 90, of Myrtle Beach, SC, passed away Thursday, September 1, 2022. He was born January 18, 1932, in McKeesport, PA, the son of the late Elizabeth Alma Holmbeck and Arnold Bernard Goetz.

After serving 22 years in the military Richard retired from the Air Force in 1973 with the rank of Master Sargent. His military career began during the Korean War aboard the Navy amphibious assault ship USS Wasp where he was an airplane mechanic of the highest caliber.

As his Naval tour of duty came to a close he made the decision to re-enlist in the Air Force to be closer to his young family. The next two decades would see Richard and his family

stationed at military bases located from east to west and up into the far north of the United

States, with a brief, one year tour of duty, without family, in Greenland.

Out of all the places he was stationed, Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, AK was his favorite. The

beautiful landscape of Alaska gave him an opportunity to thoroughly enjoy his love of fishing and

hunting—especially fishing, a skill he happily passed to his children and grandchildren.

Following retirement from the Air Force he accepted a position with the U.S. Postal Service

back in his hometown area of Pittsburgh, PA. After retiring a second time Richard soon became

restless. Along with Shirley, his wife, he bought a travel trailer and for the next year they toured

the U.S. for the next year visiting family and friends.

He was never one to sit still and was always up for a challenge. He started a furniture

upholstery business in Iowa, learned data processing, became a hobby farmer, learned to fly

single engine planes, was a car enthusiast, started a real estate business and served as a body

guard for Elvis Presley.

He is survived by two daughters, Linda Mierke (Alan Mierke) and Laurie Dobis (Ken Huether);

four grandchildren, Ashley Chaky (John Chaky), Bryan Mierke (Bethany Woome), Brad Mierke

(Lina Mierke), Victoria Dobis (Chase Cochran); two great granddaughters Hadley Chaky and

Marlo Gray Mierke; and a loving first cousin Charlene Graham.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Shirley M. Goetz and his younger brother

Donald W. Goetz.

Friends will be received for viewing between 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday, September 5,

2022 at Goldfinch Funeral Home. A service with full military honors will begin at 12:00 p.m.

Immediately after, a reception for friends and family will be held at the funeral

home.

In lieu of flowers donations are appreciated in Richard's memory to the following organizations:

Grand Strand Humane Society, 3241 Mr. Joe White Avenue, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

<https://www.grandstrandhumanesociety.com/how-you-can-help/donate/>

Low Country Food Bank, 4716 Northgate Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

<https://lowcountryfoodbank.org/donate/>

For access to view the service from our livestream please visit <https://vimeo.com/746324078> and a link will be posted 15 mins before the service time for viewing.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is handling arrangements for the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel Home
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Memorial Service

SEP 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard A. Goetz*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - September 04, 2022 at 11:30 AM

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I woke this morning like I did every Sunday for almost 7 years I would go to dads or most recently to NHC to watch Jane Pauley with dad and make him breakfast. This was a ritual he would love this and knew it was our time. It took me til today to really watch this video he is loved and really had a great life! I will never forget the things he has taught me ...how to forgive, to relax a little more and try not to control everything he will always be that voice. I miss him and my mother very much.

laurie Dobis - September 25, 2022 at 11:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard A. Goetz.*



September 05, 2022 at 08:50 AM