



Richard Mahone Ruddick, Jr

May 11, 1953 - October 12, 2013

Richard M. Ruddick, Jr.

Dateline: Myrtle Beach, SC

Richard Mahone "Dick" Ruddick, Jr., age 60, of Myrtle Beach, SC, passed away on October 12, 2013 at National Health Care in Garden City, SC following a long battle with early onset Alzheimer's.

Dick was born on May 11, 1953 in Norfolk, VA. He graduated from William Fleming High School in Roanoke in 1971 and from Randolph Macon College in Ashland, VA in 1975 where he received a B.S. with honors in mathematics. He started his career as a computer programmer with The Computer Company of Richmond, VA and ended it with Marriott International in Bethesda, MD.

Dick was a dear and generous soul, a loving and devoted husband, and a faithful friend. He was a good-natured cynic with a keen sense of humor and a history buff who particularly enjoyed discussing The War Between States. He was an avid chess player and looked forward to a match with his good friend, Bernie Mann. Dick also loved having a philosophical chat while puffing a cigar with his lifelong friend, Courtney Carlson.

Preceding him in death are his mother, Hortense Winston Ruddick, father, Richard Mahone Ruddick, Sr., brother, Clyde Adelbert Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Brenda Hyre Ruddick of Myrtle Beach; brother, Winston Adair Smith (Jacqueline) of Chesapeake, VA; nieces, Derinda Smith Bunch (George Ray II) of Virginia Beach, VA, Melissa Smith

Oliver (Steven) of Chesapeake, VA; numerous great nieces and great nephews, step mother-in-law Becky Hyre of Myrtle Beach; and three godchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, November 2, 2013 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

An online guest book is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave, 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601, Randolph Macon College of Ashland, VA, 204 Henry Street, Ashland, VA 23005 or to the charity of one's choice.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the loving, caring staff of NHC Heathcare, Caris Hospice, and Pastor Ray Smith of Socastee United Methodist Church.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center

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Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Mahone Ruddick, Jr*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - October 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Brenda,
I did not know Dick before he became sick. I will always remember my "birthday" buddy. Thank God for sending you and Dick into my life, as you will always remain my little sister. I love you and am only a phone call away.. God bless you and comfort you. Dick was truly blessed with the best wife and companion in the world. Go Rest High On That Mountain, Dick!
Bonnie Tindall*

Bonnie Tindall - November 13, 2013 at 08:43 AM

LN

“ I'm proud to say that I perhaps knew Dickie longer than anyone other than his brother Winston. Dickie was my very first friend and probably the most memorable although we were separated at a very early age when he had to move to Roanoke. We first met on Rodgers St in South Norfolk around 1959. Dickie and I played with each other everyday. It was nothing but constant laughter as we played with Army men and our beloved Lionel Trains. Although we got separated my parents would still visit his parents in Roanoke. I remember he had the first home I had ever seen with a basement. We would go to Mill Mountain and still break out the trains when we were together. I'll never forget my good friend and one day we will meet again and it will be the laughter again like we never missed a step.

God bless the family and I would like to say a special thank you to you Brenda who took such good care of him. Winston always kept me informed.

I wish I could have grown up with Dickie. I know he turned out to be such a brilliant mind. You could see that when we were 6, believe me!

Lennon Newberry
Chesapeake, Va.

Lennon Newberry - November 01, 2013 at 06:04 PM

SS

“ I am so saddened to hear that Dickie is gone from this world. He will endure in our hearts forever. I graduated from Fleming High School with him and knew him well in those days. Haven't seen him since around 1980 or so. From the obit it seems he had changed little from the days I knew him. He was a truly unique individual and we were all better for having known him.

Stuart SUTphin - October 31, 2013 at 07:42 AM

NK

“ *Brenda....what can I say? You know my heart. Dick was loved, cherished and respected for the wonderful person he was. You were his life and his lifeline . Know that he knew how much you loved him and did for him . We all share many fond memories of the fun times we had together. He will surely be missed by all of us.*

Love ...Aunt Nan and Uncle Buddy

Nan Kesner - October 27, 2013 at 07:29 PM

CK

“ *For sure Dick had a brilliant mind, and sharp sense of humor. His work responsibilities were enormous and yet he always managed with that same level of accustomed success; even when battling such a cruel disease. True Dick until the end, same sense of humor, and he could speak volumes with just a raised eyebrow. But any mention of Dick has to include Brenda. There's is truly a unique love story. Each as devoted as one could possibly imagine. As life takes everything away, we are left with Dick's final message of how much Brenda was his whole world. Thanks for sharing yourself with us Dick. With sincere love and appreciation, and applause for an earthly job well done.*

Love, Chuck and Sandie Kummer



ckummer3 - October 27, 2013 at 08:06 AM

GG

“ Dick and Brenda were our neighbors in Acworth, Ga. and we had so many fun parties with them. We will all remember what a fun guy he was with a big smile for all. It is just so sad that he got alzheimers at such a young age and I salute Brenda for being by his side all these years and know it hasn't been easy. But I know God was with them and had his plan. You have our deepest sympathy and wish we lived closer to be there.
Love, Daryle and Gene Geyer.....daryleandgene@outlook.com

Gene and Daryle Geyer - October 24, 2013 at 10:25 PM

PZ

“ I'm a classmate of Dickie's and a fellow math major at Randolph Macon. Its really hard to believe that he, as probably the sharpest math mind in our class, could ever suffer from any diminished capacity, let alone alzheimer's. I'm so sorry for your/our loss. As you must know, he was a truly amazing guy in his day !

Paul Zuidema - October 22, 2013 at 12:40 PM

LP

“ I am so sorry for the loss of such a young man. I think we may be related but am not sure (sorry). My father was James Powell and his mother was Bernice Ruddick. We lived in Norfolk, VA. My aunt Jean Powell Allen just passed a year ago. As a small child I remember visiting Ruddick family in the Roanoke VA area? I apologize if I am incorrect and will be praying for you all :) Laurie Powell lapc@cox.n et 757 485-5222

Laurie Powell - October 20, 2013 at 11:37 AM

JF

“ I didn't know Dick, but Brenda is my cousin and I know how caring and loving she has been thru his illness.....our heartfelt sympathy and love at this time....Jane and Greg

Jane Hyre Fleming - October 19, 2013 at 07:43 PM

CZ

“ I am so sorry for your loss Brenda. Many memories of his time at Myrtle Beach Estates, and feel honored to have known him and his keen sense of humor firsthand on many occasions. Will never forget him. Love and blessings to the family at this time!!!

Cathy Alley Zsolczai - October 17, 2013 at 05:47 PM

AB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as the comfort found in God's word the bible. Romans 5:12 says, "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

A. Bell - October 17, 2013 at 12:24 PM

LM

“ I met Dick in college and remained friends with him since 1974. I credit Brenda for enriching his life and am glad I got to know her as well. I know from caring for my Mother what Brenda has had to deal with in recent years and I hope the memories of their wonderful and loving life together will never fade. God bless her and all the caregivers.

Lark Muir

Lark Muir - October 17, 2013 at 08:09 AM

CK

“ I'll never forget the time I spent with my Godfather, he was an amazing person to be around. It was great for me, because being an only child and he was like having someone my own age to hang out with. From our trip to Florida where he took me to Disney World to just sitting in the basement after everyone went to bed having our chats about movies and even life lessons. He truly was a great person that always put a smile on everyone's faces when he was around. As mentioned before he was definitely a kid at heart. I'll always take his memories of our time together with me, and never forget the lessons he taught me.

Cameron Kesner - October 16, 2013 at 05:04 PM

MA

“ It was truly a joy to care for Mr. Ruddick at NHC. His wife, Brenda and dog, Sparky were truly a comfort to him and I give her great gratitude for all she has done for him. We could tell he truly was a very loved man. He will be missed but never forgotten in my eyes. My condolences go out to his friends and family...and of course...little Sparky! ~*~ Maegan, CNA at National Health Care

Maegan - October 16, 2013 at 02:15 AM