



Richard "Dick" Torbik

August 19, 1936 - May 3, 2023

Obituary for Richard Alan Torbik, Sr.

On Wednesday, May 3, 2023, Richard Alan Torbik, loving husband and father of three children, passed away at the age of 86.

Richard (Dick) Torbik was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania to Alexander and Wanda Torbik and grew up in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. He received his Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering from Clemson University in 1958 and a Master's of Science in Civil Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1964. Dick met his wife Nancy Wooten on a blind date while she was attending Winthrop College and their first date was a Clemson football game. On July 2, 1960, he married Nancy and together they had one son, Richard Jr. and two daughters, Sally and Jane.

Dick had a distinguished career as a civil engineer and expert in transportation planning with the Federal Highway Administration. During his career he moved frequently with his family living in eight states and an overseas assignment. After 32 years he retired from FHWA in Washington, DC as a member of the Senior Executive Service, the highest civilian rank in Federal Civil Service.

Dick and Nancy built a home and moved to Pawleys Island, South Carolina in 1994. They would also frequently visit their house on Lake Murray, South Carolina.

Two years after federal retirement, Dick accepted a position with the South

Carolina Department of Transportation where he worked for another six years. In retirement, Dick and Nancy enjoyed traveling abroad, visiting their children and grandchildren, and attending Clemson Football games. Go Tigers!

Dick was an active member of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church in Pawleys Island including Knights of Columbus, an Eucharist Minister and his small Christian Community group. He was also an active member and former President of his local Lions Club International.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife Nancy in 2015. He is survived by his three children and their families, Richard Torbik Jr and wife Emily, Sally Torbik Hoekstra and husband Douglas Hoekstra, and Jane Torbik Stricklin and husband David Stricklin; his sister Sandy Cieslarczyk; and three grandchildren Alex Stricklin, Daniel Stricklin, and Shane Hoekstra. The visitation will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Goldfinch Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel, 202 Hinnant Lane, Pawleys Island from 6 PM to 8 PM. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, May 12th at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church, 1633 Waverly Rd, Pawleys Island at 10 AM. Flowers may be sent to Goldfinch Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel, 202 Hinnant Lane, Pawleys Island or donations can be made in memory of Richard Torbik to Alzheimer's Disease Research at brightfocus.org/adr

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield/Pawleys is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch- Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel
202 Hinnant Lane
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

Funeral Mass

MAY 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood Catholic Church
1633 Waverly Rd
Pawleys Island, SC 29585
(843) 237-3428

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Torbik.



May 11, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Torbik.



May 10, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Torbik.



May 10, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Sentimental Dreams* was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Torbik.



May 09, 2023 at 05:05 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Torbik.*



May 08, 2023 at 07:34 PM