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Dick Reid '50
WHS Senior Photo

Richard "Dick" Reid

Washington High School Class of '50
October 24, 1932 - November 28, 2015



Richard "Dick" Reid, 83, of Cass Lake, MN, Lt. Col. USAF Retired, SD Air National Guard Pilot, and 60 year El Riad Shrine Mason, died peacefully, surrounded by family, on November 28, 2015 at Sanford Health Palliative Care in Fargo, ND.

Interment with Military Rites will be at 1:30 pm Thursday, January 7, 2016 at Hills of Rest Memorial Park in Sioux Falls, SD. A Celebration of Life Service with Public Masonic Service will be at 3:00 pm Thursday, January 7, at Miller Funeral Home-Downtown, 507 S. Main Ave. Sioux Falls, SD. Memorials may be directed to the El Riad Shrine Transportation Fund.

Richard Charles Reid, son of Alfred J. and Frances M. (Bates) Reid, was born October 24, 1932 in Sioux Falls, SD. He grew up in Sioux Falls where he graduated from Washington High School.

He attended South Dakota State University on the "10 Year Plan" where he graduated in March of 1959. While in school, Dick met Marilyn A. Lundberg. They had their first date at The Arkota Ballroom in Sioux Falls, and three days later he proposed to her at the Campanile on the campus of SDSU. He asked, "What you doing for the next thousand years?" and her response was "The same thing you are". Dick and Marilyn were united in marriage on November 26, 1958 in Sioux Falls, SD.

Dick entered the United States Air Force where he started as a mechanic and then served with the South Dakota Air National Guard. He had figured out that pilots had more fun. He finished his military career in the "Coolest Job in the World" - a fighter pilot, as he would proudly share. He retired in 1971 having served 20+ years.

Dick tended to be the "Jack of All Trades and pretty good at most". Besides a stellar military career, he also was an electrical engineer for a Sioux Falls architect and at John Morrell & Co., a New York Life insurance agent, owner of Walker Hardware Store in Walker, MN, owner of Chase on the Lake Motel in Walker, MN, real estate agent, and supervisor at Potlatch Corp. in Bemidji, MN.

He is a member of First United Methodist Church of Sioux Falls, SD; a 61 year member of Unity Lodge #130 of A.F.& A.M., Scottish Rite, and El Riad Shrine where he had been a Shrine Clown for about 60 years. His clown name, "Anticipation" came later in life. He had belonged to Rotary International, and a Barbershop Quartet.

He really enjoyed woodworking, he made furniture and toys for his family and friends. He built his first speed boat his last quarter of college. He loved sitting on his deck watching the eagles and lake, Fox News, Vikings football, solitaire on the computer, fast, red cars and traveling without a plan. Dick was addicted to his cell phone and really all electron gadgets.

Dick's wife, Marilyn, died unexpectedly on January 23, 1997. They had lived in Sioux Falls until 1972, moved to Walker, MN until 1995, then to Cass Lake, MN where he has lived since. In his later years, Dick enjoyed his traveling companion and friend, Joann (Smart) Black of Bemidji, MN.

Grateful for having shared his life are his children, Steven (Brenda) Reid, Mosinee, WI, Jennifer (John Wells) Reid, Moorhead, MN, Michael Reid - Dilworth, MN; grandchildren, Hunter Reid, Mae Reid Wells, Alec Reid Wells,

Ayden Reid, Tanner Reid; sisters, Helen (Don) Jensen, Sioux Falls, SD, Fran Slieter, Ihlen, MN; and nieces, nephews and an abundance of friends. Dick made friends everywhere he went.

Preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn; his parents; brother-in-law, Verlyn Slieter.

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Thanks to Don Noordsy '58 for alerting the O&B of Dick's passing.