



John Alan Richard

February 12, 1930 - December 2, 2015

John Alan Richard passed away at INOVA Fairfax Hospital, on December 2, 2015 surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his son Christopher, and is survived by his wife of 61 years, Helen, sons Paul and Stephen, daughter Margaret Richard Poppe, brother James Purdy Richard, 6 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Alan was born on February 12, 1930 in Sandtown, Delaware, and grew up in Henderson Maryland on a farm near the headwaters of the Choptank River. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Civil Engineering and subsequently entered the US Air Force. He retired as a Major from active reserve in 1967. During his long career, Alan pursued his Masters degree in Civil Engineering at Catholic University, and completed his professional engineering license. He met his future wife, Helen Phyllis Miller of St Paul, Minnesota, while stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany. They were married in September of 1954 in St. Paul, Minnesota. The couple then lived in Baltimore while Alan worked on various public works including the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel and Interstate 70 in western Maryland. In 1967 Alan took a position with the US Agency for International Development and he and the family moved to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and then to Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. After a stint in Washington, DC working on the northeast corridor railroad renewal, Alan returned to Foreign Service and he and Helen moved to Kuwait. Alan retired from the US Government in 1984 and continued project management consulting in the US and Kuwait. He was an avid golf player, and also enjoyed

playing tennis, card games, watching football and soccer, fishing, and traveling. During the past 25 years, Alan and Helen have interspersed trips to various parts of the world with winters in Texas and (more recently) Florida, and summers at their home on Bass Lake in Minnesota.

A funeral Mass will be said for Alan at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Ridgely Maryland, on Saturday, December 19th at 10:30 am, to be followed by interment at Greensboro Cemetery. Light lunch and fellowship will follow at St Benedict Catholic Church Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Alan's name to Volunteers Repairing Homes (VRH) at www.vrhvolunteers.org.

Cemetery Details

Greensboro Cemetery

311 N. Main Street
Greensboro, MD 21639

Previous Events

Mass

DEC **19**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Benedict's Catholic Church
408 Central Avenue
Ridgely, MD 21660

Tribute Wall



“ *John Alan Richard*

October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *John Alan Richard*

October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM