



Mr. Richard D. Fernald

May 26, 1940 - October 7, 2020

Richard D. Fernald, 80, of Ridgely, MD, died on October 7, 2020, surrounded by family. He was born May 26, 1940, to parents Charles and Alice Fernald (Deceased). After graduating from Portsmouth High School, he began working as a sheet metal worker for the Portsmouth Naval Yard. In 1965 he relocated to Annapolis to work at the United States Naval Academy's maintenance shop. In 1973 he moved to Ridgely, MD, and drove to the USNA every day until his retirement in 1994 as the Director of Maintenance for the USNA. Richard enjoyed golf, meeting people, and had an extensive collection of props to help pull off a prank. He was an animal lover, having a special soft spot for dogs.

Richard was a lifelong member of St. Benedict's / St. Elizabeth's Church of Ridgely, MD.

Richard married Muriel C. Poitras on May 26, 1964, and they were together for 51 years until her passing in December of 2015.

He is survived by sons Kenneth C. Fernald and Scott L. Fernald (Jill), daughters Ashley E. Knight (Jon) and Alison J. Porter (David), and 8 grandchildren, brother-in-law Lester Pettigrew of Virginia and sister-in-law Sylvia Poitras of New Hampshire, his good friends Nettie Mae Goad and Michael Musachio.

Richard was pre-deceased by his sister Barbara Pettigrew, brother-in-law Norman Poitras and Norman's wife Debbie.

Graveside service will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a

donation in his honor to Lifetime Wells International.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

Greensboro Road
Greensboro, MD 21639

Previous Events

Graveside

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Richard D. Fernald*

October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Mr. Richard D. Fernald*

October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *Terry (Quidas) Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard D. Fernald*



Terry (Quidas) Morris - October 19, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. I have so many memories of your dad (and mom) over the years. One of my favorites is when he came to my rescue with the pool pump after my dad died. I kept blowing the top off and he kept laughing at me -- but what a wonderful neighbor he was. I miss seeing you all but hope you're all doing well.*

Kay Hoffman Stiles

Kay Stiles - October 14, 2020 at 07:52 PM

LP

“ Dick was one of the good guys! He was quick-witted and always had a smile on his face. He could always be counted on to help with whatever was needed at our church, St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth, which is where I came to know both he and Muriel. They were a great couple and their love for one another was plain to see. Dick stopped by the office quite frequently, even after his move to Easton, to check in on us and to say hello. He spoke quite frequently of his children and grandchildren and was obviously very proud of them and loved them all deeply. Prior to his move, he stopped by our office faithfully each Friday to pick up our recycling and take care of it for us. I will always have fond memories of Dick and the many conversations I had with him over the years. He will be missed immensely. May you know God's comfort through your many happy memories of him.

Lori Parks - October 14, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ Richard was a very good friend to my mother. Since she was diagnosed with dementia. He made sure he visited regularly. If not he would call. He was a very caring man and he will definitely be missed.

Angelia Holland - October 13, 2020 at 09:34 PM

RE

“ Richard and I met each other while working at the Naval Academy. After retiring, we became friends and golfing buddies while working at the Upland Golf Course. He loved to visit the 19th. Hole after a round of golf and we shared many conversations regarding politics.. We had similar views. He was with me when I had my only hole in one and when we got back to the club house, he ran around to the back door and told the Pro. to give me a hard time and not believe me. He had a great sense of humor. After Muriel died and Upland closed, he would come to my house to shoot the breeze. He was a good friend and a good man. I will miss him.

Randy Esty,
Mayor, Queen Anne

Randolph L Esty - October 13, 2020 at 04:46 PM

TF

“ So sorry to learn of Richard's passing. It was always unique over the years that we would see each other in Walmart almost weekly. One could pick Richard out from far away what with his old standby hat I love that picture of him holding onto Muriel - they were special friends as well as people one could trust to 'confer' about many confidential subjects in our church and community life.. I only knew Alison when she was the pharmacist in Denton's Walmart and she also had that 'trustworthy' gene...which I am sure was also passed on the Kenneth, Scott and Ashley.

Tom Fleming

Tom Fleming - October 13, 2020 at 07:20 AM

DT

“ *Dan Towers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard D. Fernald*



Dan Towers - October 12, 2020 at 06:17 PM

MK

“ *I am very sorry to hear of your loss.*

I will never forget the kindness that he showed my parents as their neighbor on Ridgely Rd. He would check in on them, bring them their paper and mail each day, and take their trash to the dump weekly. He also shared the answers to the daily crossword puzzle, neatly printed in block letters, with my mom--just in case she got stuck. :-)

May angels surround you and comfort you and may your faith sustain you during this difficult time.

Marie Keller - October 10, 2020 at 10:24 AM

FR

“ *So sorry to learn of this. I have fond memories of him and his family from my time as their pastor, 1982-87. May God grant comfort and peace to all who love him.*

Father Mike Roark - October 08, 2020 at 01:11 PM