



Richard Lee LaCroix

November 14, 1940 - March 26, 2019

Richard Lee LaCroix, 78, passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at his home.

Born November 14, 1940 in Memphis, TN., Richard was the youngest son of the late William Oakley LaCroix and Ida Jane LaCroix. He graduated from Germantown High School, Germantown, TN in May 1958. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Memphis State University, Memphis, TN.

After graduating from Memphis State, Richard worked as a junior accountant in Memphis until May 1966 when he entered military service. He graduated from Officer Training School in November 1966 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. He went on to serve just over 21 years in the Air Force in various Aircraft Maintenance Officer positions and 4 years as a Missile Launch Officer. His military service included 1 year in the Republic of South Vietnam. He earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, MO. He retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel in September 1987.

After retiring from the Air Force, Richard was employed by the defense contractor Lockheed Martin; first in Arlington, TX, then in Greenville, SC. He retired after approximately 20 years with Lockheed Martin.

Since retirement, Richard has enjoyed time with his family, working in the yard, and golfing. He also worked as a volunteer with AARP for approximately 2 years, preparing tax returns primarily for senior citizens and low income families. In addition, he served on the Board of Directors as a volunteer for the community homeowner association. He was a member of Simpsonville United Methodist Church.

Richard is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sandra Williams LaCroix. Richard and Sandra were married in Germantown, TN on April 19, 1963. Also surviving are 2 daughters: Amilie H. LaCroix and Cheryl L. Conley; son: Richard J. LaCroix; 2 granddaughters: Ashleigh Cook-LaCroix and Charlotte LaCroix; grandson: Chandler Fleming; 3 brothers: Charles LaCroix, Clarence LaCroix and Fred LaCroix and a sister: Ruby Barber.

Along with his parents, Richard was predeceased by 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 6 until 7:30 pm at The Howze Mortuary in Travelers Rest.

Funeral service will be Friday, March 29, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at Simpsonville United Methodist Church.

Burial will follow with military honors at Coleman Memorial Cemetery in Travelers Rest.

Cemetery Details

Coleman Memorial Cemetery

1599 Geer Hwy
Travelers Rest, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Church Service

MAR 29. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Simpsonville United Methodist Church
215 SE Main Street
Simpsonville, SC 29681

Tribute Wall

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“ It was with true sadness that I read in the University of Central Missouri Magazine of Dick's passing. He and I were stationed together at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri. We were both in missile operations at that time. Dick and I met through a mutual friend, Stan Salisbury. Stan and I had gone through Missile Launch Officer School at Vandenberg Air Force Base together. Dick was Stan's Crew Commander when Stan and I first arrived at Whiteman. My wife, Terry, and I both got to know both Dick and his wife, Sandra. They were good friends and fine people. Dick was an officer and a gentleman in the truest sense of the words. He will be missed.



Sincerely,

John Abbamondi

John Abbamondi - June 02, 2019 at 12:20 AM

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The Howze Mortuary - March 28, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Lee LaCroix.



March 28, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ For 9 years this kind and gentle man welcomed me into his family as his daughter in law. It was an honor knowing him. With peace, love, and prayers.

susannah lacroix - March 27, 2019 at 09:04 PM



Thank you, Susannah, for such kind words. I love you, and Richard did too.

Lacroix, Sandra - April 04, 2019 at 04:52 PM