



Richard W. Suko

August 31, 1930 - October 22, 2014

Richard Walter Suko, beloved husband of the late Annah Berry Guest Suko, passed away on Tuesday, October 22, 2014, at age 84, in Columbia, Maryland. Richard was born August 31, 1930, in Warden, Washington, the son of the late Walter and Emilie Burkholz Suko. He graduated from Washington State University, in Pullman, WA, with a degree in Mathematics in 1953, where he was in the reserve officer training corps and a member of Pine Manor Fraternity.

Richard was a Lieutenant in the Air Force, stationed at Donaldson Air Force Base in Orangeburg, SC, when he met and married Annah Guest on February 26, 1956 at the First Baptist Church in Greenville, SC.

Richard spent his summers working during harvest season at his family's wheat farm in Washington. He was a junior high school math teacher in Warden, WA, a reserve officer in the Washington Air National Guard, and joined IBM in 1957 in Seattle, WA as a systems engineer on the Boeing account. Richard had a successful 35-year career with IBM, where he one of IBM's Senior Technical Staff, having worked as a Software Planner, Programming Manager, and MVS Operating Systems expert, in Poughkeepsie, NY. He was an accomplished public speaker and published author of MVS – A Business Perspective. Richard then ran his own consulting firm for a dozen years, providing executive briefings on innovations in

technology and operating systems.

Richard was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Poughkeepsie, NY, where he served as Chairman and member, Board of Trustees. He was his family's historian, and enjoyed genealogy, photography, and travel to national parks throughout the West.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his wife Annah Guest, to whom he was married for 56 years; and his sister Leona and her husband R. Robert Gardner, of Warden, WA.

He is survived by his daughter Diana Hage and husband Nabil of Great Falls, VA; son Scott K. Suko and wife Ann Hoffman of Columbia, MD; and five grandchildren, Richard G. Hage, Robert S. Hage, Ava A. Suko, Luke E. Suko and Cade T. Suko.

He is also survived by his sister Bernadine and brother-in-law Gerald Webster of Spokane, WA; brother-in-law W. Ray Guest and his wife Doris Guest of Sumter, SC; and six nieces and nephews and their families; and numerous cousins and extended family.

Visitation with family will be on Sunday, October 26th, from 12-1pm, at Howze Mortuary, 6714 State Park Road, Travelers Rest, SC 29690. A memorial service will be held Sunday, October 26th at 2:00pm at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 28 Ebenezer Road Church, Travelers Rest, SC with Pastor Richard Contois officiating. Internment will be at the Ebenezer Baptist Church cemetery following services.

Cemetery Details

Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery

28 Ebenezer Church Road
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
30 Ebenezer Church Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall

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“ *Diana, Scott & families: We are thinking of you with love & sympathy . Please know that we are heartbroken too and that we will always be here to laugh, cry, think, plan & talk with all of you. And, we're always here to love you!*

Some of our fun memories with Dick & Anna and you were at Myrtle Beach, S. C. The Lazy River, Ocean Annie's, the beach, collecting seashells & watching Dick & Jerry look for those beach scene photo ops. Oh! the laughs we had.

Bernadine & Jerry

Bernadine - October 27, 2014 at 02:12 PM

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“Diana, Scott, Nabil, Ann, Ricky, Bobby, Luke, Ava and Cade, We are sorry for your loss. Uncle Dick was kind, soft spoken and a very intelligent man. We will miss him.

My funniest memory of Uncle Dick was from 2000 when he and your mom were traveling with my Mom and Dad from New York to South Carolina. I had given Mom and Dad my cell phone to use during their cross country adventure. Dick and Anna became separated from Mom and Dad in traffic in Virginia. He called my house (in Washington State) to see where I was (he thought he was talking to Mom). I thought I was talking to one of our employees named Dick. Thinking he was our employee, I gave him Dave's cell phone number so he could get directions. Dick called Dave cell phone (thought he was calling mom's cell phone) left a message that he and Anna were waiting for them at a leather store. Dave got the message (assumed it was a wrong number because he didn't recognize Dick's voice) and thought some poor soul had lost his way and would be waiting a mighty long time at the leather store to connect up with whoever he was trying to reach. When I got off the phone with Dick, I figured out it was Uncle Dick that I had been talking to and immediately called Mom; she didn't know how to use the cell phone and kept cutting me off. Finally, I made a connection and told her to call Dick on his cell phone to find out where he was. She didn't have his number. Guess what? Mom and Dick hadn't exchanged cell phone numbers so neither one could get ahold of each other. They took those cell phones along for safety and to use in case they got separated...but neither one of them thought to exchange numbers before traveling so I gave Mom your Dad's number and they were eventually reunited.

We still chuckle and laugh at the memory of how we all played a part in the mass confusion of messages and miscommunication.

You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Karen and Dave

Karen - October 25, 2014 at 06:34 PM

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“ *Juanice Campbell purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Richard W. Suko.*



Juanice Campbell - October 24, 2014 at 04:45 PM