



Richard Clark Barkley

December 23, 1932 - January 30, 2015

Ambassador Richard C. Barkley

Of Springfield, VA passed peacefully on January 30 , 2015. Loving husband of Nina, father of Katie Crenshaw (Court) and Crystal Barkley, and brother of Joan Sammis. He was a career ambassador to East Germany and Turkey. A memorial service will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St., Springfield, VA 22150, Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 1PM. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery will take place at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Clark Barkley*

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“ *Special, indeed. One of the most gracious gentlemen I've been privileged to know. A great patriot, a consummate professional, and a caring friend. He will be greatly missed.*

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“ *One of the most special people I have ever met in my life. I am very saddened to hear the news. He was one of the best Diplomats ever. His contribution to Turkish- American relations is priceless. He and Nina brought joy to the mostly dull Ankara diplomatic and political scene. He will always be remembered fondly in Turkey. And surely I will always remember him as my Mr Ambassador.*

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“ *There was a 60 year lapse between some pickup sandlot softball games in our college years, and seeing Dick and Nina on a personal celebration of theirs to Las Vegas.. There was no "catch up" or exchange of career resumes. It was as if the lapse had been a single day. Dick was a natural. A special guy. A special friend. He will always be alive in my conscious mind.*

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