



Richard Phillips Morton

July 3, 1941 - March 24, 2025

Richard Phillip Morton passed away at the age of 83 on March 24, 2025, at his home in Falls Church, Virginia. He was born on July 3, 1941, in Chicago, Illinois, to Emanuel and Betty Morton. Throughout his childhood, Richard's family moved frequently, spending much of his early years in the Midwest, particularly in Centralia, Illinois, and Hannibal, Missouri.

Richard pursued his passion for technology by studying computer science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He later earned both his Master's and Doctorate in Computer Science from the University of Pennsylvania. Richard dedicated his career to advancing the use of computers for the betterment of mankind. He spent many years working at Mitre before joining the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA), where he worked for 30 years until his retirement in 2014. After retiring, he enjoyed indulging in his passions for golf, skiing, theater, traveling, reading, and savoring his favorite treats—ice cream and chocolate chip cookies. Above all, Richard cherished spending time with his family and loved ones.

A lifelong learner, Richard was passionate about education, not only for himself but for others as well. He regularly volunteered as a tutor for children and adults and worked with several community organizations in Northern Virginia, including the Campagna Center, Comunidad, and the English Empowerment Center. Richard firmly believed that education was key to

achieving the American Dream, and he focused his efforts on helping local immigrant communities.

Richard was also a devoted baseball fan, cheering for the St. Louis Cardinals during his youth and the Washington Nationals as an adult. He fulfilled a lifelong dream by attending every home playoff game and World Series game on the Nationals' way to winning the 2019 World Series.

Richard is survived by his life partner, Dottie Bennett; his children, Jeremy Morton (Kelly) and Allison Addalia; his grandchildren, Emily and Caleb Addalia, Carter Morton, and Vicky and Tessa Lim. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Donald Morton, and his sister Andrea Morton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Signature Theatre and Comunidad.

Cemetery Details

King David Memorial Gardens

7400 Lee Highway
Falls Church, VA 22046

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

King David Memorial Gardens
Hollywood Road
Falls Church, VA 22043
(703) 560-4400