



Richard Alan Pape

January 8, 1929 - February 3, 2021

Richard Alan Pape (92) LT Col, USMC (Ret.) passed away peacefully at his home on February 3, 2021 of Springfield, VA. Husband of the late Pamela Olson Pape; cherished father of Joy Groettum (Donald), Richard A. Pape II (the late Patricia) and Kristen Scott (Peter); grandfather of Sara Ellis (Kyle), Peter, Kyle and Hannah Scott, and Katelyn Groettum, great-grandfather to Andrew, Jason and Scott Ellis. He will truly be missed by many.

Richard A Pape (Dick) was born and raised in Iowa and Dubuque, Iowa was always his home town. He entered the Naval ROTC at Iowa State University. He married Ensign Pamela Olson, Navy nurse. The USMC took Lt. Col. Pape across the United States and he served in Korea, Japan and Vietnam. He was proud of his service with the Naval Mission in Peru. The Papes put down roots in Springfield, Virginia as Dick was stationed at Henderson Hall, USMC. After retirement Dick proudly worked at USAA as Service Manager for 20 years. When finally retired Dick and Pam enjoyed traveling in the US and abroad. Dick also loved being a full-time volunteer at Mt. Vernon Estate. Dick was also active in his church community of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.

Inurnment will take place on a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his honor to The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Alan Pape*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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Jonathan Larson - February 10, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *What a wonderful man. Through the many years together at the church he would always come up to me and with a sly smile on his face he would ask, "are we solvent?" Dick never had an unkind word about anybody. We will miss him. Bob and Claire Runger*

Bob and Claire Runger - February 07, 2021 at 05:12 PM

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“ I don't remember the exact dates that I was blessed to be a part of the Pape family. I'm guessing it was 1968-1969. I had made friends with Kristen. I was lucky to be a part of that family for many years and in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Pape. They were perfectly matched. Mr. Pape was such a calming influence. All over the house were items that were collected from all over the world. In the basement family room, I was not afraid to ask Mr. Pape about some of them. "What is this" I asked. "That is a llama". And hence began my never-ending questions and Mr. Pape, with zero exasperation, answered all of them and gave me the most wonderful tutorial about Peru. That's what Mr. Pape was and did. He was disarming, charming, interesting, caring, and with me, apparently, he had the "patience of Job"! Mr. Pape was a wonderful man. I know this because I was lucky enough to experience him. To this very day and all of these years later, I have carried a special place in my heart for Mr. and Mrs. Pape. I think they call that "Agape Love". Rest in Peace Mr. Pape. Walk straight into Mrs. Pape's arms. And most of all, thank you Mr. Pape. God bless you and rest in peace. Kristen, Joy and Richard, I'm so sorry for your loss. Kris, I'm grateful you and your family had that great man for the time that you did. Find strength in those memories. Love, Cindy

Cindy Hargest - February 07, 2021 at 10:20 AM

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Signing family guest book. ITCM Stephen Richardson, USN Ret, BSA Cub Pack and Troop 1140.

Steve Richardson - February 17, 2021 at 10:13 AM