



Richard Kemp Spicer

August 5, 1949 - July 20, 2020

Richard (Rick) Kemp Spicer of Mooresville, North Carolina passed away on 20 July 2020 at home with his loving wife of 38 years, Marilyn, at his side. Rick was born on 5 August 1949 in Baltimore, MD. He was 70 years old.

Rick was passionately devoted to his family as a husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. Whether he was boating on the lake, fishing, enjoying travel adventures, celebrating birthdays, or hosting holiday gatherings, he was always happiest in the company of family and friends.

Rick was selfless in his dedication to a life of service to his country and community, becoming an Eagle Scout early in his life. Retiring from the United States Air Force in 1996 as a Lieutenant Colonel, he served for 24 years in the some of the most challenging worldwide special operations assignments and projects. He was a Command Pilot (call sign-Spike) with over 5000 flying hours in T-38, OV-10, and C-130 Combat Talon aircraft. Following his active duty service, he worked for 17 years for McDonald-Douglass and then Boeing Company managing DOD-related projects in St. Louis, MO and Philadelphia, PA. He retired with Marilyn for the last time in 2013 to their 'Spicers' Landing' lake house in Mooresville, NC.

Rick's education included a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and a Master of Arts

degree in Management from Webster University.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Abram Spicer and Virginia Kemp (Lehman) Spicer; and a sister, Vickie Spicer. He is survived by his wife Marilyn (Mitchell); his oldest son, Richard Spicer, wife Christine, grandchildren Ellie and Matthew from Columbia, SC; their daughter, Stephanie French, husband Anthony, grandchildren Penelope and Fiona from Statesville, NC; their son, Max Spicer and wife Jenna, from Glen Ellyn, IL; his brother, John Spicer from Mooresville, NC; his sister Anita Spicer-Lane from Baltimore, MD; and several nieces and nephews.

Rick was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. His professional memberships included the Air Force Association, Special Operations Warrior Foundation, and other service-related organizations.

A graveside service will be held at 1 PM, Friday, October 16, 2020, at Salisbury National Cemetery, with Rev. John Miles officiating. Full military honors will follow.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Spicer family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **19**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Salisbury National Cemetery
501 Statesville Blvd
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Kemp Spicer*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Richard Kemp Spicer*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Richard Kemp Spicer*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Marilyn,
I am so sorry. I have so many fond memories of Spike at Boeing.
His x-rays of all the metal In his back, when he brought it in to show
me, we had a laugh. He was always a gentlemen and fun to work
with and what a worker. Many war stories, I know you will miss him.
Love
Ruth Ann*

Ruth Ann Adams - September 09, 2020 at 10:55 PM



“ *We have lost a much loved member of our family. We have
wonderful memories of times spent with him in Texas, Florida, St.
Louis and Denver. His enthusiasm for life was contagious,
especially when it involved family. He was kind, gracious and a true
gentleman. He will be greatly missed.
Carolyn and Keith Rowland*

Carolyn Rowland - July 25, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ *Rita and I have fond memories of Rick - a friend with a great sense of humor. He will be missed by all who knew him. RIP good buddy.*

Richard O'Shea - July 25, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ *We met Rick and Marilyn at a First Thursday Dinner and continued to attend many Golden Boys' events with them, including outings on their boat. In between we visited at each others' homes and shared good conversation, food and wine. Rick and Marilyn were always gracious hosts.*



Frequently Rick spoke about his military adventures but never the pain he might have been experiencing. Rick always seemed laid back and accepting of what was happening.

Rick's demeanor and character were his strong suit and we were glad to call him our friend.

Cecelia and I will miss him and also understand that while his tour of duty has ended here, another has begun in the beyond.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE RICK!

Cecelia Illing and Fred Haffner

Fred Haffner &Cecelia Illing - July 24, 2020 at 08:37 PM

MO

“ We have lost a dear friend, but we will always remember Rick as:

- A wonderful friend!
- A True Patriot!
- An amazing host!
- An outstanding Chef!
- Always willing to help out!
- A shrewd cardplayer!
- A guy with a great sense of humor!

Rest in Peace General Patton!

Mark & Laurie Olejarczyk

Mark & Laurie Olejarczyk - July 24, 2020 at 05:27 PM



JC

“ I remember sitting with Rick many times during our Golden Boys breakfast meetings. He had such interesting stories about his adventures in the military service. I especially enjoyed his rendition of General George Patton's speech to his troops as he began his move against Germany with the Third Army! I will miss Rick. May god take his soul into his loving arms and give him peace. John Cissell

John Cissell - July 23, 2020 at 03:45 PM



RP

We are so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. Our paths crossed when Rick was leading a Scout Troop in Edwardsville. We were part of some of the same training classes. He was a wonderful man and a good friend. Our condolences to all of you. — Rick & Cindy Pierce

rick pierce - September 09, 2020 at 09:04 PM

FM

“ 2 files added to the album Golden Boys Spring Fling 2017



Frank Monaco - July 23, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Richard Kemp Spicer.



July 23, 2020 at 02:46 PM

GB

“ Guy & Trudy Bohner lit a candle in memory of Richard Kemp Spicer



Guy & Trudy Bohner - July 23, 2020 at 02:40 PM

GB

“ Guy and I have such fond memories of Rick. The dinners at Joe Fish and that wonderful soup you both brought to us when Guy was having so many knee problems will make us smile for years to come! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Marilyn! He will be missed.

May the memories you have help to heal you and your family!

Much Love to you.

Trudy & Guy Bohner

Guy & Trudy Bohner - July 23, 2020 at 02:36 PM