



Richard Charles Desgrey

May 7, 1931 - July 8, 2024

In Memory of Richard Charles Desgrey

Born 1931 - Died 2024

Richard (Dick) Charles Desgrey (93) passed away peacefully at home on July 8, 2024.

Born in Laramie, WY on May 7, 1931 Dick was the oldest of two children born to Charles Whitehead Desgrey and Doris Lorna Abbott. His father, Charles sharing the birth announcement with his parent's writes about young Richard "The boy is a peach and words can't express how happy we are."

In his early life Dick would travel and live in many places as his father a graduate of Colorado School of Mining served as an Engineer working for U.S. Gypsum. Dick often spoke of attending many elementary and high schools during his years of education. During this time Dick was actively involved in the Boy Scouts and was an Oklahoma Honor Society member in several chapters and member of the National Honor Society in Illinois in 1948. Dick was a graduate of Iowa State College in 1953 with a bachelor's degree in Science. While there he served 4 years in the ROTC allowing him at graduation to enter the military in January of 1954 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma serving as an Army Lieutenant until completion of his service in January 1956.

While at college he met Lucy Margeret Schultz who worked for the base Colonel and shortly after graduation on June 5, 1954 the two would wed on the college campus. A sweet marriage that would continue for 60 years.

With a new marriage and a college degree, Dick would follow in the footsteps of his father and become an industrial engineer. Traveling a great deal, Dick would hold positions at Container Corp & Williamson Dickie in Fort Worth spending much of his time in the Rio Grande valley. He also worked as a Salesman in Dallas & Houston for Container Services. In 1983 Dick would become the owner of American Box Co in Ft. Worth keeping the business until 1995.

Over the years Dick and Lucy would fall in love with two West Highland White Terriers a gift to Lucy from a golfing friend. She and Dick would go on to raise 3 generations of their beloved Westie four-legged friends. Dick lost his beloved, Lucy in 2013.

In 2015 Dick would meet Celia Yvonne Moore at a series of city dances for seniors. They became friends and along with a special group of other widows & widowers would begin traveling, spending time together and developing lasting friendships. The relationship between Dick and Yvonne would lead to marriage November 25, 2017 in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Dick and Yvonne continued to travel taking multiple cruises, trips with their group of senior friends and the occasional trip to the Oklahoma casinos which both love to visit. Dick loved a good episode of Gunsmoke and never met a dog he did not love! In his final days Dick had visits at his request with some of the extended families' pets. Dick was a very kind, sensitive and gentle man. He will truly be missed!

Dick was proceeded in death by his father and mother, Charles and Doris

Desgrey, his wife, Lucy Margeret Schult Desgrey and infant son, Richard Desgrey Jr.

Dick is survived in death by wife, Celia Yvonne Moore, brother, Jack Desgrey of California, 3 stepchildren & their spouses, step grandchildren and step great grandchildren. Much beloved nieces and nephews and many cherished friends.

Graveside Service: 3 p.m. Thursday, July 25, 2024 at Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL **25**. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lisa, Carrie, Ellen, & Lucy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Charles Desgrey.*



Lisa, Carrie, Ellen, & Lucy - July 23, 2024 at 04:42 PM