

RICHARD (DICK) CORRINGHAM RICHARDS III

Richard (Dick) Corringham Richards III, age 86, of Dunedin, FL, Plainview, NY and Alexander, ME, died peacefully on June 17, 2013 in Wilmington, North Carolina where he was staying with his daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Connie Murray.

Richard was born to Richard Corringham Richards II (Chatham, England) and Alice Whitlock Richards (London, England) in New York City on November 19, 1926. He graduated from William Cullen Bryant High School in Queens, NY and then served in the Navy during WWII. He met the love of his life, Joan on a blind date and they married August 18, 1951.

Dick was a police lieutenant with the Port Authority of NY and NJ for 37 years. He worked his way up through the ranks, working at the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels and all 3 major NY/NJ airports. He spent the most time as a crash, fire and rescue tour commander at JFK airport. Dick was awarded the Police Commendation Medal for his and his crew's action for saving 13 passengers in the crash of a Dehaviland Dove. He was also awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for disarming and capturing an armed bank robber.

Richard retired in 1987. He and Joan built a summer home Lake Pocomoonshine and spent many happy years being snowbirds between Maine and Florida. They were married for 61 years. Joan predeceased Dick in August of 2012.

He was a role-model both personally and professionally. Many people will miss his wry sense of humor and his thoughtful, sage counsel.

Dick is survived by his daughter and son in law, Jeanne and Cornelius Murray of Wallace, NC, and Alexander ME, his son, Dana of Plainview, NY. Dick has 3 married grandchildren, Kathryn and Joseph Donadoni of Ashburn, VA, Bryan and Julie Murray of Annapolis, MD, Kevin and Leslie Murray of Ashburn, VA. He also has 4 great grandchildren, Meagan (9), Molly (7), and Emily (3) Donadoni and Keegan Murray (8 months).

Richard and Joan's memorial service will be held at St. Anne's Episcopal Church Calais, ME on August 8 at 1:00 at St. Anne's Episcopal Church where family and friends will gather to celebrate both of their full and meaningful lives.

Donations in Dick's memory can be sent to: St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 29 Church St., Calais ME 04619