



Lt. Col. Richard Leaman "Dick" Smith

March 1, 2020

Lt. Col. Richard Leaman "Dick" Smith, 86, of Lancaster, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Sunday, March 1, 2020.

Raised in the Greenfield area of East Lampeter Township, he was the son of the late George Martin and Thelma Viola (Leaman) Smith. He was the husband of Dorris Mae (Jarvis) Smith.

Dick graduated from East Lampeter High School Class of 1951 and from Franklin & Marshall, Class of 1954 with a BS in Economics plus a commission as 2nd Lieutenant through the USAF ROTC Program at F&M.

He served 2 years active duty in the United States Air Force at Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, TX in the 824th Air Base Group, 19th Air Division, Eighth Air Force, Reserves and then joined the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. He served part-time in the 193rd combat Support Squadron and then retired from the PaANG as a Lieutenant Colonel after 11 years with the State Headquarters Staff located at Fort Indiantown Gap.

Dick initially worked for the family retail Lumber & Coal Company and the L. Clyde Smith & Sons, Inc. He joined the firm of Calder Door Sales Company in Lancaster and held various sales positions, advancing to Vice President and serving as General Manager. In retirement, he became a Free-Lance Writer.

He was a former member of the American Business Club, AARP Chapter 530 and the Military Officers Association of America. He was a member of Leacock Presbyterian Church, having served as Elder.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are three sons: Bradley Richard, husband of Sandra (Moyer) Smith of Schnecksville, PA, Dana Robert, husband of Frances Marie (Fry) Smith of Elizabethtown, Barry Todd of Phoenixville and two daughters, Linda Edison, wife of Michael L. Friedel of Brownstown, PA and Valerie Ann, wife of Frank J. Burgess of Aston; eight grandchildren: Laura, Adam, Evan, Ben, Jessica, Mallory, Andrew and Elizabeth; one brother, David Clyde Smith of Lancaster; and two sisters: Patricia Jane Eby (David), Wichita Falls, TX and Elizabeth Louise Martin (Donald) of Willow Street. He was preceded in death by a brother, George William Smith and a sister, Barbara Ann Landis.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Dick's Funeral Service at Leacock Presbyterian Church, 3181 Lincoln Hwy. East, Paradise, PA 17562 on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Bob Birch officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be held at Ft. Indiantown Gap.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dick's memory may be made to Leacock Presbyterian Church, 3181 Lincoln Hwy. East, Paradise, PA 17562.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Annville, PA 17003

Tribute Wall



“ *Lt. Col. Richard Leaman "Dick" Smith*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Uncle Richard gave time to his family in sending newsletters and organizing family gatherings. He is truly missed. Steve*

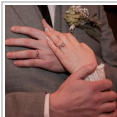


Steve Landis - June 13, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *My heart will miss my "cuz!" (He loved signing that way). I love him dearly. He would often write back to my email newsletters with sweet hellos and wishes and prayers and love. I'm going to miss his support. I grew to lean on his care and it would bring me so much joy to know he was thinking of me. Though we only spent a few handfuls of days together in person, I feel like he was my good friend. I know he loved his Savior Jesus Messiah and I'm comforted that he is now safely with Jesus and one day I'll be with him in that joy too. What a gentle man full of love! I praise God for the special relationship I got to have with him. I love you cuz!! And I'll miss you. ❤️*

Sarah Rose - April 09, 2020 at 01:49 PM



Also, I'm praying and feeling for all who are grieving. May God surround You with His presence and comfort. Love to you!

Sarah Rose - April 09, 2020 at 01:54 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Valerie Burgess - March 17, 2020 at 11:26 AM

VB

Despite the coronavirus, we could still honor our father's wishes for the wonderful military tribute at his interment at Fort Indiantown Gap on March 16th, 2020.

Valerie Burgess - March 17, 2020 at 11:28 AM

NL

“ *Richard was my Dad's cousin and I've been in touch with Richard my entire adult life on family stories and history. I will miss his knowledge and lively correspondence. He was a classic!* - Nadine Leaman

Nadine L Leaman - March 15, 2020 at 12:58 PM

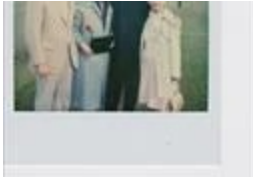
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“ *So grateful to have known Dick as a 2nd cousin. I appreciated his knowledge of the family tree and his willingness to share it. He was a good friend to my parents Ralph and Janice (Brackbill) Homsher. I appreciate his writing as well. I give thanks for his life, and extend my sincere condolences to his family.*
Cheryl Homsher, Odessa, Texas

Cheryl Homsher - March 14, 2020 at 02:48 PM

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Valerie Burgess - March 13, 2020 at 04:42 PM

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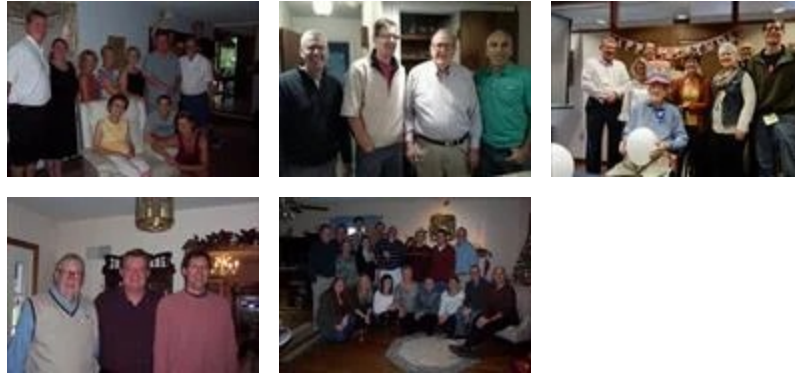
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Valerie Burgess - March 13, 2020 at 04:35 PM

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Valerie Burgess - March 13, 2020 at 01:59 PM

NL

Valerie - thank you for adding these family pictures. - Nadine L.

Nadine L Leaman - March 15, 2020 at 12:59 PM

MM

“ Madeline & Dick Moyer purchased the Sweet Ten derness for the family of Lt. Col. Richard Leaman "Dick" Smith.



Madeline & Dick Moyer - March 05, 2020 at 09:03 PM

AB

“ Richard is my mother's cousin. I enjoy receiving emails from him on Leaman family history. I will definitely miss that. Thank you Richard Leaman Smith for keep me in the loop about the family history!

Andy Blackburn - March 04, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ *In the many years that I knew Richard, he was a kind and gentle soul. Wishing peace and healing to his wonderful family.*

Linda Edwards - March 04, 2020 at 02:51 PM

ES

“ *Few people are better described as simply a "good man". From his wicked backhand slice on the ping pong table to his unique literary skills, I'm proud to call him my grandpa.*

Evan Smith - March 04, 2020 at 10:08 AM

DS

“ *All the members of the Lancaster Chapter Military Officers Association who knew Dick are deeply saddened to learn of his passing. Dick was a mainstay of this organization for many years serving a several terms on the board of directors and as the long time Publicity Chair. Previously honored for his service with a lifetime chapter membership, his guiding presence has been sorely missed as he battled a number of health issues over the past several years. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family. David W. Shelton, Lt. Col., USAF(Retired), President Lancaster Chapter MOAA.*

David W. Shelton - March 04, 2020 at 09:57 AM

HK

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Hollie A Kemp - March 03, 2020 at 04:22 PM