



Richard Black Nissley

November 11, 2021

Richard Black Nissley died peacefully on Veterans Day, November 11, 2021, four days shy of his 93rd birthday. He is survived by his beloved wife of forty years, Jacqueline. Children, Kay Knobloch, Linda and John (Sharon) Nissley, Don (Jan Brennan-Wessels), Michael (Debbie) Wessels, Susan (Wayne) Witmer, Liza (Greg) Petzke, and John (Mary) Wessels, thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Virginia Shartle and nieces, Cindy, Pat and Cathy. Richard was predeceased by his brother, Bruce, grandson, John MacKenzie and son-in-law, Jack.

Dick was a gentle man who enjoyed bird watching, gardening (especially roses), ALL dogs, bagpipe music, desserts and just being at home surrounded by his wife and family. He grew up in Steelton, Pa. where he graduated from Steelton High School and played clarinet in the marching band. He was an Eagle Scout.

A graduate of University of Michigan in Marine Engineering/Naval Architecture, Dick always wore his Blue and Maize proudly. He also held degrees from Eastern College, University of Baltimore, U. S. Army Command and General Staff College and the Air War College.

Dick served proudly as a Professional Engineer in the United States Army Corps of Engineers for over forty-two years holding numerous command

positions and retiring as a Brigadier General.

After an apprenticeship with Newport News Shipbuilding, he spent fifteen years as a Project Engineer and Design nuclear component Engineer for Bethlehem Steel, Westinghouse, and Dravo Corporations.

He went on to manage US Steel's Ohio Barge Line and Mon River Towing Company in Pittsburgh and retired as Vice President of Operations for Ingram Barge Company.

His accomplishments as the Director of Public Works and City Engineer for The City of Lancaster, Pa. for fifteen years are still evident today.

Dick was a lifetime member of The American Waterways Operators, Waterways Assoc. of Pittsburgh, Propeller Club of Pittsburgh, American Bureau of Shipping, Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, and American Public Works Association.

Throughout his career he served on numerous Boards including: Retired Officers Association, Woodward Hill Cemetery Association, Heritage Museum of Lancaster County, Lancaster Salvation Army, and Civitas of Lancaster. Perhaps his favorite volunteer efforts were on behalf of Hospice of Lancaster County, where he and Jackie sponsored the Nissley Memorial Rose Garden.

Sincerest thanks to the staffs at Brereton Manor, Moravian Manor and Hospice & Community Care.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice & Community Care, P. O. Box 4125 Lancaster, PA 17604-4125.

There will be a private graveside memorial service at the Churchville Cemetery, Oberlin, Pa.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Black Nissley*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I worked for Dick for over thirteen years in Lancaster. He was a great boss and leader but most of all he was a good friend and mentor.*

Jim Gross

Jim Gross - January 03, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ *Dear Jackie,
All my love to you and your family as you mourn the passing of Dick. He was such a kind, friendly man. I always enjoyed being in his company. Please know that I am thinking of you and sharing in your grief.*

*With love,
Laura Loudenslager*

Laura Loudenslager - November 15, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ *Uncle Dick had the biggest heart. Just a loving, welcoming example of a fine human being. The Greatest Generation, indeed. May all the memories of a long life together help Jackie & the family at this sad passing. XO*

Thomas Hellec-Ryan - November 14, 2021 at 03:38 PM

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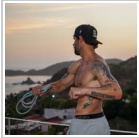
“ So sorry learn of Dick's passing. He was a real gentleman in every sense of the word. It was always a pleasure to visit with him and Jackie, although he usually excused himself early on so the ladies could talk. Sending thoughts of comfort to the family. Roseanne Rogers

Roseanne Rogers - November 14, 2021 at 12:43 PM

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“ Dick was such a wonderful volunteer at Hospice and Community Care. Whatever the task he was willing to help with a huge smile. My best to Jackie who was always at his side. Ginjr Humphreys Robinson

Ginjr Humphreys Robinson - November 14, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ My favorite memory of my grandfather was as a child when he would take me to McDonalds so we could both get sausage egg mcmuffins (which I still eat to this day). Love you Pops, you were an amazing person.

Dan Witmer - November 13, 2021 at 01:59 PM

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“ I always liked Dick. He had an amazement of a much younger man.

Mario Maurizi - November 13, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ He was a true gentleman. He touched many lives in the Lancaster area as the Central Market Manager and volunteer at Hospice. Dick loved to take donuts and coffee to the road crews repairing broken water mains in the freezing Lancaster winters.

Michael Wessels - November 12, 2021 at 04:08 PM



My condolences to Jackie and the family.

M.P

M.P. O'Brien - November 14, 2021 at 12:54 PM