



Richard P. Shaefer

August 12, 2024

Richard Paul Shaefer, 82, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Monday, August 12, 2024, at his residence. Born in Altoona, PA, he was the son of the late Virgil Shaefer and Evelyn Richner. He was married to his beloved wife, Carol Ann (Bowser) Shaefer, for 57 years.

He graduated from Altoona Area High School in 1959, then attended the University of Pittsburgh until he joined the U.S. Air Force in 1963. He served in the Air Force until his retirement in 1984. While stationed at March AFB in California he completed his degree in psychology at Chapman College in Orange County California in 1971.

Richard worked for the Lancaster County welfare office from 1989 to 1999 as a case worker in the employment and training division. He also was involved with the Metal Detectors Search and Recovery group. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church where he sang in the church choir, served as a volunteer office manager for several years, and was involved with several church committees. Richard was a founding member of The Sunrise Lions Club in Manheim Township, and several other local organizations, and an active member of Red Rose Honor Guard.

In addition to his wife, Carol, Richard is survived by his daughter, Christine M. Tobin and husband Scott, of Columbia, PA his niece, Melissa Bentley and

children of Sandy Springs, GA, Rebecca Bledsoe and children of Bellbrook, OH, Paul Shaefer, wife Stacey and children of York, PA, and his sister-in-law, Carol Shaefer of Marietta, GA.

Richard is preceded in death by his son, Michael Shaefer, his twin brother, Charles Shaefer, and his older brother, Frederic Shaefer

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Richard's Memorial Service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10 Delp Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Harold Hand officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family at St. Marks Cemetery in King, PA.

Cemetery Details

St. Marks Cemetery Association

King, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
10 Delp Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

Memorial Service

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“ *Dear Carol & Family,
So sorry for your loss. My deepest Sympathy and condolences.
Dick was a great person and a friend. Stamps were our common
interest but found out later that we both served USAF on KC-135s.
Dick was a Navigator and I was a Boom Operator. We were even
stationed at the same base(Grissom AFB, IN) at different times. My
thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Peter S. Billis*

PETER S BILLIS - August 18, 2024 at 11:34 PM

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“ *We are so very sorry for your loss, Carol and family. We always
enjoyed our conversations with you both at stamp club functions. He
was a valued member of the club, and we admired his dedication to
various causes, particularly Lancaster Philatelic and the Red Rose
Honor Guard. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with
all of you. Donna and Chuck Kilgore*

Chuck and Donna Kilgore - August 17, 2024 at 01:31 PM