



## Richard Starr Craighill Jr..

May 8, 1941 - September 8, 2023

Richard Starr Craighill, Jr – (May 8, 1941 – September 8, 2023)

Richard Craighill (Rick) passed away peacefully at his home surrounded in love by his family on Friday, September 8, 2023.

Rick was a proud Navy junior. While stationed in Hawaii with her Navy husband, Rick's mother discovered she was expecting. She traveled to Cleveland so Rick would be born in the continental United States and be eligible to be president, sadly for his mother an ambition which never came to pass. Rick and his mother returned to his father at Pearl Harbor in July, 1941 and were there during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7. Growing up in a Navy family meant moving throughout the US frequently during his elementary and high school years.

Rick attended Virginia Military Institute for 2 years, eventually graduating from the University of Maryland. He settled in Northern Virginia and worked in finance and human resource management for a variety of private companies including VSE and Design and Production, finally retiring in 2007 from Seneca Corp as Human Resources Director.

Upon retirement, he and his wife, Cathie, moved to Regency at Dominion Valley in Haymarket VA to enjoy "active retirement". There they traveled extensively, including neighborhood trips to France and Portugal. They spent 4-6 weeks each year in Cancun at their family timeshares. At Regency, Rick renewed his passion for golf and became a laser-focused competitive golfer. He also continued his lifelong devotion to both the Washington "Deadskins"

(Commanders) and the Nationals.

But the real joy and pride in his life was his four children and his seven grandchildren. When asked what his greatest accomplishment was, he always said his family. He reveled in their successes and supported them in their setbacks. He loved attending youth sports , concerts, graduations, etc. The family will miss his silly magic tricks, his unfiltered cringeworthy comments, his long embellished stories, his sometimes hysterical hypochondria, and his boundless love and affection for them.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Cathie; his four children – Rich Craighill of CO (Teena), Lynn Hoglund (Dave) of FL, Andy Craighill (Marta )of South Riding, and Sunnie Salvia (Justin) of Fairfax Station ; his seven grandchildren – Matthew, Jacob and Alex Craighill; Mason, Conner, Audrey and Brooke Salvia; and two nieces Susan DeBacker (Steven) and Dawn Cooper.

Rick was a reservist in the Marine Corps for 6 years but never called up for active duty. So he honored and appreciated those who did serve. Therefore, contributions to Wounded Warriors would be appreciated in his name in lieu of flowers.

Services for Rick will be held on October 5 at 2:30 at:

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

4090 Sudley Road

Haymarket, VA 20169

A reception and celebration of Rick's life will be held following the services from 3:30-5:30 pm at:

Regency at Dominion Valley Country Club

15351 Championship Dr.

Haymarket, VA 20169

# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ *Cousin Ricky as I knew him was a tremendous humble, cheerful, positive caring man. He always had quick pleasant way to make any situation more palatable. I knew him to be of rare high caliber; possessing altruism of the highest quality. My knowledge of his intrinsic and internal traits coincided with being my father’s favorite cousin/nephew. I give my condolences to Cathy and the extended family. Godspeed.* 🕊️ 🙏

**Craig Jones** - June 16, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ *We had you and Rick in our prayers for a long time and they were answered by calling him to his heavenly home and ending his suffering here. We know you and your family will always feel the loss of a really nice guy. All our love, Marilyn and Dave*

**Marilyn Mallery** - September 14, 2023 at 10:47 AM

BP

“ *If there is golf in Heaven, no doubt Rick will get an early tee-time. He was a master of the short game, always amazing me with great shots at the pin! Debra and I send Cathie and her family our condolences.*

**Bob & Debra Peterman** - September 14, 2023 at 07:06 AM

RL

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Thinking and praying for you at Rectortown United Methodist Church.*

**Rev. Jonathan Lamb** - September 12, 2023 at 03:35 PM

DB

*I knew Rick mostly through Regency Golf. He was most likable, kind, and a real gentleman. Our personalities always connected. He will truly be missed by me and the guys. Deepest sympathies to Cathie and the family.*

*God Bless,  
Dennis (and Florence) Byrne*

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**Dennis Byrne** - September 14, 2023 at 05:42 AM

KE

*John and I could not have asked for more lovely next door neighbors. Rick always had a funny story to share and he was at the ready to joke, talk about golf and laugh. Our love, prayers and God's blessings to Cathie, their children and grandchildren. He will be forever missed.*

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**Kathleen Ellingson** - September 14, 2023 at 07:39 AM

CF

*I wish Michael and I had had more time to get to know Rick better. But it is certain the world is a better place for having had him in it. Hugs to the family.*

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**Caroline Fioni** - September 14, 2023 at 09:00 AM

AI

*I wish Armando and I had met you and Rick and gotten to know you both, our deep condolences to the all family.*

*Armando and Rita Ianniizzi*

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**Armando and Rita Ianniizzi** - September 17, 2023 at 05:29 PM

SG

*Our deepest condolences to Cathie and her family. Roger and I send our love and prayers to you.*

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**Sharon Goodson** - October 01, 2023 at 03:39 PM