



Richard "Dick" Clough

July 24, 1951 - November 6, 2022

On Sunday, November 6th, 2022, Richard "Dick" Clough, loving husband, and father passed away peacefully in his home at the age of 71.

He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Darla (Fairfax) Clough, his brother Tom Clough, and his wife Andrea (their children Tom, Bill and Maria) and his brother Joe Clough, his daughters Teresa (Clough) Franklin and Pamela (Clough) Greer, stepsons Michael and Dwayne Dodson, and grandchildren Taylor Franklin, Kyle Greer, Vivian Greer and Emily Greer, Elise Poole, Michaela Dodson (and her sister Clarke), Kaylee Dodson and Eli Dodson. It is important to point out the innumerable "family members, nieces and nephews" added along the way. The bond of family was incredibly important to Dick. A blood relationship was not a requirement to be considered his family.

Dick was born on July 24, 1951, in Claremont, New Hampshire to Harold Eugene Clough and Lucilla (Locke) Clough. He attended Saint Mary's Catholic School in Claremont from 1957-1969. As a child he was a member of the band for the Cavaliers. He developed his love for music and guitar at a young age. He enjoyed fishing and riding his bike with neighborhood children. Growing up in poverty presented challenges, which he ultimately overcame. Perhaps coming from humble roots developed him into the stoic man who would always, always, lend a helping hand.

Dick served our country as a Morse Code Intercept Operator during the Vietnam War. When he returned from Vietnam, he was stationed at Vint Hill Army Base, once known as “The Listening Post” in Fauquier County, Virginia.

Combining his military skills and his college education from Northern Virginia Community College, he launched a career nearby at IBM in Manassas, Virginia. He served that company for nearly five decades through many seasons and changes. The friendships born and cultivated during his time there simply cannot be measured, counted, or forgotten. He was eternally grateful for those relationships.

He had a lifelong passion for all things outdoors. He volunteered for many years for the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. He was always respectful of game law and ever thankful to friends who trusted him enough to hunt their properties.

He was a hunter, fisherman, painter, mechanic, locksmith, carpenter, singer, guitar player, jack of all trades, a quintessential man. He was known by some as “MacGyver” “Moses” and “Mountain Man”. But more than any other name, the one he cherished most, was “Dad”.

Donations to the family can be made via: <https://gofund.me/a3239347>

Park Valley Church will host a Celebration of Life on Saturday, November 19th at 11am. (4500 Waverly Farm Drive, Haymarket, VA 20169).

Lunch will be served at Park Valley Church immediately after the celebration.

Dress casually or in camouflage.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Park Valley Church
4500 Waverly Farm Drive
Haymarket, VA 20169

Tribute Wall

GA

“ *Idk how I got here or who this is but rest in peace frfr* ”



Gameoyeah - June 06, 2025 at 12:09 AM

RL

“ *I want to offer my condolences to Dick's family. I met Dick in the '80s and worked with him on several projects over the years. I respected his work ethic, was happy to have him as a peer on projects, and he always adapted to the changing needs while working to meet schedules, with a exceptional attitude.* ”
Randy Lee

Randy Lee - November 19, 2022 at 09:52 AM

Jl

“ *I am saddened to hear Dick passed away. When it came to retrofitting facilities space and labs, Dick was instrumental to the process. He was a pleasure to work with. My condolences to the family.* ”

Jerry lacangelo - November 17, 2022 at 05:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Clough.* ”



November 17, 2022 at 09:31 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album *Work Life*



J. Bain - November 14, 2022 at 04:24 PM



he always loved singing and playing the guitar. thank you for this picture

Emily Greer - July 14, 2024 at 10:50 AM

CH

Oh cousin Dick. I hate we lost touch a few years back! I lost more than a facebook account that day! I lost contact with lots of those I love! You were one of them! I am so sorry!! I love you Dick! Rest in peace

Crystal (Locke) Hill - August 23, 2024 at 01:04 PM

LF

“ *Teresa and Pammy, my condolences to you and your family on the loss of your father.*

Laura Faircloth - November 14, 2022 at 04:10 PM

TH

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Dick at Lockheed Martin. He had an amazing work ethic, and above all, was a true gentleman. He will be missed.*

Tricia Haederle - November 14, 2022 at 09:20 AM

DG

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dick for 16 years or so at LM in Manassas. He was responsible for getting projects of all types constructed on time and on (or under) budget, something he did on even the most challenging projects. He always brought a can-do attitude to work and used his considerable experience to solve all sorts of problems and keep the mission on track. While doing this he rarely if ever let any frustrations show, but rather would act as a calming influence for all stakeholders, not the least of which were the customers he was building the spaces for. I would estimate he personally oversaw 10's if not 100's of millions of dollars worth of projects to successful completion, doing so with integrity and pride, both of which were reflected in the finished product. At the end of the day though, his biggest contribution was as a valued teammate who was willing to share himself in good times and bad as a true friend to the entire Manassas facilities team. Dick was the type of employee and friend that successful teams are built on, and he will be missed greatly by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Dave Gontarz - November 14, 2022 at 08:40 AM

RL

“ I worked with Dick many years at IBM and Lockheed Martin. He was a great guy and always did what he could to help you. He was just a very nice person and someone I will miss.

Richard LYON - November 12, 2022 at 08:10 AM

LW

“ Our deepest sympathies to Dick's family. Both my husband Eric and I worked with Dick for many years. He was gracious, hard-working and always had a word/smile/hello for you. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you all for peace and comfort.

Lisa Whitacre - November 10, 2022 at 04:00 PM

MC

“ Dick's obituary hit it right on the head. What a wonderful hard working man. Worked with him for YEARS. He was dedicated, carrying and very good at his job. For his family, my heart goes out to you all. What a terrible loss! I know he loved his family above all else. God bless and my deepest sympathies.

Messina Cumberland

Messina Cumberland - November 10, 2022 at 09:24 AM

RH

“ Pamela sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. I send my deepest condolences to you and your family. Love you. Robin Davis Harris. Reston Virginia.

Robin Davis Harris - November 09, 2022 at 09:23 PM

MD

Pamela me and my family send our deepest condolences to you and the family. Mr&Mrs Abraham L.Davis. Bunker Hill West Virginia.

Mr Abraham &Madeline Davis. - November 09, 2022 at 09:27 PM

TW

Hi Pammy. Aunt Barbara and I, Tommy and Scotty, are all grieving with you now. Do keep the good memories around you and good friends in the meantime. Very sad family loss.

Tim Wood - November 10, 2022 at 06:44 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Clough.



November 09, 2022 at 07:29 PM

PW

“ Dick will be missed for many, many years to come! When I first met Dick over 20+ years ago and he treated me like he had known me for ever. And he married Darla (my best friend) he made her one happy lady. He was one of a kind for sure, I was always welcome in their home and " Good Enough" campsite. I truly loved him and will continue doing so. Dick keep an eye on this family ya know we have been known to be a bit crazy 😊



Patricia Walker - November 09, 2022 at 05:02 PM

PW

Sorry Dick I messed up it was Lucky Enough, Dick had a book that he really enjoyed when family and friends would leave a message for him to read I know this because I wrote him a note

Patricia Walker - November 09, 2022 at 08:10 PM

PB

Dick, I will always cherish the memories of piling in the family car and driving to Claremont on Sundays. So sorry to have lost touch over the years. Rest in heavenly peace cousin.

Patricia J Bouchard - November 09, 2022 at 08:58 PM

PL

“ Dick and I were classmates from 1957 until we graduated in 1969 from Saint Mary's High School, Claremont N H. We were friends and worked together as bag boys at the local IGA. We lost track of each other, but I last saw him at our 50th High School reunion, and even though it had been 50 years, it was like we had not missed a day. I will truly miss you, my friend. You were a very good man.

Peter Limoges - November 09, 2022 at 04:56 PM