



Richard Maurer,

January 29, 1926 - March 30, 2013

CAPT. RICHARD C. MAURER, JR. passed away suddenly on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at the age of 87 from sepsis and pneumonia. He was an amazing man who made the world a better place. Loving father, grandfather, husband, friend and military officer, he touched the hearts of everyone he had ever met. He had an amazing sense of humor and could always bring a smile to anyone's face. He was stubborn, but had a great outlook on life. He loved food, cooking, trying out new recipes, wine, music, the redskins, the internet, gardening, stamp collecting, rug hooking, bird watching, traveling, telling corny jokes and singing songs. He also enjoyed telling stories about his youth. He enjoyed cards, backgammon, checkers, chess, poker and cribbage. He planned out every meal and never forgot to take pictures. He videotaped his granddaughter Katie growing up along with much footage of the ground. He would forget to turn off his camera and continued to tape feet, windshields, etc. Captain Maurer had an outstanding military career in the Navy. He attended the naval academy, won the distinguished service medal, two bronze star medals with combat "V" legion of merit, American Campaign Medal, WWII victory medal, navy occupation service medal, China service Medal, national defense service medal, Korean service medal and United Nations service medal. He was the Captain of The Destroyer in Vietnam. He was his granddaughter Katie's, hero, role model and the most important and influential man in her life. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Kay in 1987. Survivors include one son Michael and his wife Teri, one daughter, Linda;

three grandchildren, Katie North, Justin Maurer and Jamie Shull and husband Jeremy. Services will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to www.piercefh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Capt. Maurer commanded the USS BENNER (DD807). I was proud to serve under his command as a PN3. I have fond memories of him dropping into the ship's office late in the evening to find out what was cooking (we had a hot-plate, and it was well-used). He even surrendered his chair on the bridge to the true commander, Beno, our four-legged mascot. Rest in Peace, Sir. I salute you!*

Dennis Cox - October 11, 2024 at 05:37 PM

“ *Dick was the Executive Officer on the USS McCaffery (DDE 860) in 1962 when I was CIC Officer. He was a fine officer and an excellent buffer for us to a very odd commanding officer. He handled a very difficult job with skill and grace. I am very thankful to have served under him and enjoyed seeing him at one of our reunions. Glad to hear he made Captain. It's great when the good guys are rewarded.*
Karl Holtzschue

Karl B Holtzschue - August 09, 2015 at 01:42 PM

PT

“ I met Dick a couple of years ago July 4th weekend. He had a copper pipe spring a leak in his house and water was spraying all over the laundry room floor. Linda got my telephone number somehow and called me. I was getting ready for a party but Linda was persistent so I did the right thing and instead got ready to go to there house. This was the first time I met Dick. He was a very nice man asking me several times if I was almost done with the job. I told Linda, "Linda your father keeps coming out to the laundry room every ten minutes asking me if I'm almost done". I told Linda "I've just started Linda". She thought this was funny and told me this is just how Dad was. So after the third or fourth time of Dick asking me "If I was almost done" I told myself the next time he comes to ask me this I will invite him to watch me and we can chat about everything I was doing. He came to me a fifth time and asked me "Paul, Are you almost done". I said no Dick I'm not almost done but your welcome to watch what I'm doing and we can discuss everything about the job. I could tell this took him back a little and he told me "No, I trust what your doing". He didn't come back to ask me anymore times if I was almost done but after I fixed the plumbing leak I went to talk to him for almost an hour. This is when he found out I was a Senior computer programmer for "Canada Dry Potomac Corp" for 10 years and he really was interested in this part about me. We then talked about his computer and I showed him a couple of tricks that he absolutely loved. From that July 4th day on Dick and I have been very good friends and he never asks me if I'm almost done anymore. We molded a solid friendship that day. This was not my intention but it happened. Dick was a great guy, who loved the world but wanted to be plugged into everything. His outlook on life was optimal and much of this wore off on me. He was like a father figure to me seeing that my father passed twenty years ago. I already miss him.

Paul Theuer - August 30, 2013 at 01:47 PM

JA

“ We've known Dick since 1997, when he first became a customer of The Opera House Gourmet. He did enjoy food and wine and we had many, many discussions on both (in addition to our solutions to the problems in the world). Dick was a frequent patron of wine dinners and was often our dining partner at such events....and yes, he did take pictures of the dishes served. Dick loved to cook and experiment with new dishes. He especially loved the time of year when the farmers' market was in full swing and fresh local produce was in abundance. I feel very fortunate to have known Dick and his friendship has enriched my life.

Jan & Peter Alten - August 30, 2013 at 01:47 PM

OA

“ My condolences and sincere prayers for you Linda and your entire family! Beautiful obituary, Katie. I am praying for the repose of his soul- he is with Jesus now looking down at you and smiling.

Olivia Aveni - August 30, 2013 at 01:47 PM

BT

“ Hi Linda,
I met your father a few times and he was very kind and interesting. I had no idea of his background but I can see where you get your strength from now. He always had a pleasant smile and ready for a good conversation. I wish I would have hung around more so I could have heard of his many stories or I could have played cards. I know he and I would have become quick friends. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family. Just know that Dick is with you even if you can't physically touch him or care for him as you have. You really have been a wonderful daughter and friend to him. You did a wonderful thing being there for your Dad and keeping him clean and fed.

Betty Theuer - August 30, 2013 at 01:47 PM

ML

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was very very special to me. I'll miss talking to him on the phone several times a day, playing spades, backgammon and hearts with him. When God made your Dad He broke the mold.

MARY LEBOURVEAU - August 30, 2013 at 01:47 PM

RM

“ First, I would like to give Linda and Katie my deepest sympathy on the loss of your dad and grandfather. I was one of Mr.Maurer's Caregivers. I had the pleasure of taking him to many doctors appointments. It was during these doctor visits where I saw another side of Richard. At his home, he was quiet and to himself. But when we went out, he turned into a Comedian! And a very funny one at that! lol! I had some personal issues during this time and he knew of it, but Richard didn't know that some of those days... I really needed those laughs! Thank you Capt.Richard Maurer! And thank you Linda for introducing me to him. God Bless you all! Sincerely, Rhonda L. Moore

Rhonda Moore - August 30, 2013 at 01:47 PM

NS

“ It's hard to find words to describe what an impression your dad made on me, Linda...he accepted his trials with a dignity and grace and sense of humor that spoke volumes about his heroism and humility. He was an amazing source of strength and comfort for you and for so many during his time here and he will continue the mission, just from a different place.

Love, Nina, Brian, and Nikki

Nina, Brian and Nicole Sweeney - August 30, 2013 at 01:47 PM

LJ

“ Dear Linda and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your Fathers Passing. Just as he kept a record of your lives, may your lives continue to reflect the Courage, the Valor, the humility, the joy and the strength of the songs he sang. The songs sung by a loving father and husband. Love in Christ, Lyndl Joseph and Family

Lyndl Joseph - August 30, 2013 at 01:47 PM

PE

“ As children we thought he was "The tallest man we had ever seen," He was very entertaining whenever in his presence and had us laughing all the time. He always had time to play with us. As an adult, I was sorry he and my precious aunt lived so far away but remained close all of our lives. In the past several years Dick had been sending many photos of their lives in Ethopthia and Paris. He was a wealth of information especially with all the history he and his family had gathered over so many years. My heart is broken as all his family. What a great man he was!! Now he is a great, happy man being with his beloved Kay.

Peggy Eckenrode-Seaman - August 30, 2013 at 01:47 PM

RD

Captain Maurer was the best officer and man I have known. While C.O. of USS Benner (DD 807), he and I conceived some humorous pranks that kept us laughing years after I returned to civilian life.

Rich Dixon - June 27, 2021 at 09:14 PM

JC

“ I remember Uncle Dick and Aunt Kay as very special people in my life even though we didn't get to see them very often. It was a real celebration when we did!

I remember Mike and Linda when they were very young and thought they were so lucky to be seeing and living in so many exotic places.

Uncle Dick was a person you admired and looked up to. This was not only in his height but to his admirable view on life and high personal values.

I remember he was a very kind person and was so devoted to my special Aunt Kay, his family and to our family and grandparents, aunts and uncles too. We always had fun when they came home.

I do believe he was a person who made the world a better place and will be missed by more people than thought possible!

*Linda and Mike I 'm sure you are treasuring all your memories too and my prayers go out to you in this huge loss!
I would love to talk to you both!*

*My love to you both,
Judy*

Judy McCain Carroll - August 30, 2013 at 01:47 PM