



Dr. Richard Warren Houston MD

November 27, 1944 - December 11, 2020

Dr. Richard Warren Houston MD went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the age of 76 on Friday, December 11, 2020. Dick was born in Richmond, IN on November 27, 1944, and was the youngest of two sons born to the late Herschel and Mildred Houston (Allison/Williams) and her late husband Robert (Bob) Williams. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Donna Jean Houston (Hinchman), and three children; Terri Christine (David) Gillay, Jeffrey Lowell (Jessie) Houston, and Timothy Richard (Meghan) Houston; dear brother Phillip (Joan) Houston, and grandchildren Nicholas, Jacob, and Amanda Gillay; Kaylee, Tyler, Alex, Benjamin, and Lilly Houston.

Dick graduated in 1963 from Richmond High School where he was active in track, basketball, and football. He enjoyed lifelong friendships with many of his teammates and classmates - recently participating in weekly Zoom calls. After high school, Dick attended DePauw University, graduating in three years. While there, he starred on the basketball team with his famous jump hook shot (he tried relentlessly to pass this skill along and it became a family joke because no one could ever master it like he did) and was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. In 1971, he graduated from Indiana University Medical School then served as an Internist and Flight Surgeon in the United States Air Force. In 1978, he completed his medical education as a Gastroenterologist and practiced for more than 40 years in a variety of states, including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, North Dakota, and Ohio. He was renowned for his

compassionate bedside manner, care, and the true concern he provided all of his patients. Dick retired in 2020 from the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Indianapolis.

On June 19, 1971, Dick married the love of his life, Donna Jean Hinchman from Rushville, IN. They raised three children who miss him dearly and cherish their many adventures together. His selfless support and dedication to family as well as unrelenting work ethic were inspiring and prompted his children and grandchildren to strive to do their best in all situations.

Dick was a devoted husband, amazing Dad, fun-loving Grandpa, and loyal friend. He truly valued these roles and always made sure to be home for family dinners and attend his children and grandchildren's countless sporting events and concerts. Dick enjoyed spending time with Donna as well as his family and buddies, golfing (known for his consistent middle-of-the-fairway drives), exercising, cheering on the Green Bay Packers, watching and learning the history behind movies, reading books, debating politics (often yelling at the TV pundits), sipping an occasional Rusty Nail cocktail, and participating in Richmond High School Alumni events.

In addition to his wife, children, grandchildren, and brother, Dick will be dearly missed by his nieces Lori (Scott) Brame, Amy (Chris) Oler, Julie Houston, Julie (Bill) Moster-Pappas, Jenni-Lynn Moster-Gilbert, Taylor Gilbert, Jessica Pursley; great-nieces and nephews, Elizabeth and Wesley Brame, Michael and Molly Oler; and brothers and sisters-in-law Linda (Jack) Clarkson, Lou Ann (Mike) Pursley, and Elda (Scott) Gray.

Dick's family is comforted in knowing that he is in Heaven with Jesus and that we will one day see him again.

Services will be held on Monday, December 28, 2020, 1:00 PM at Moster

Mortuary in Rushville.

Services will also be streamed online at www.mostermortuary.com

Burial will be held at Rushville East Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made online in Dick's honor to:

Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org) or

Blue Star Mothers of America (www.bluestarmothers.org).

Previous Events

Service

DEC **28**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Moster Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Richard Warren Houston MD*



Moster Mortuary - December 28, 2020 at 09:55 AM

CB

I am a better person to have known you, Dr. Houston. Thank you for your kindness and your friendship. Your selfless service is a true inspiration. May you be at peace and be able to play unlimited golf on the most beautiful courses in heaven.

Courtney Broach - December 28, 2020 at 02:32 PM

JH

My uncle's selfless service and life of positivity will live on in our hearts forever. We miss you, Uncle Dick. I love you.

Julie Houston - December 28, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ *Dr. Richard Warren Houston MD*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM

JH

“ My uncle always filled everyone he knew with positivity, encouragement, and love. He never had a negative word to say as long as I knew him. His warm smile and kind heart were beautiful gifts. His laughter and kindness will be missed so much. Love you so much and miss you, Uncle Dick. Rest in peace with the love of angels.



Julie Houston - December 28, 2020 at 08:10 PM

SA

The world is a better place because Dick Houston was here. I have fond memories of fun-filled days during the fourth, fifth and sixth grades at Vaile Elementary School in Richmond, Indiana. Even then, he was everyone's friend. Every little boy wanted to be his best buddy; every little girl wanted to be his girlfriend. He is missed.

Shirley Smith Ashburn - December 29, 2020 at 05:01 AM

DG

“ It was an honor to know Dr.Houston and experience his kindness, generosity and witty humor. He was truly a one of kind person who will truly be missed. May you find peace in your wonderful memories with him.

Sending our love,
Jennifer and Dan Gillay

Dan Gillay - December 28, 2020 at 02:47 PM

CB

“ Rest easy my friend. I was so lucky to have known you. Your kindness, humble personality, selfless service, and smile made all of those around you grateful.

Courtney Broach - December 28, 2020 at 02:41 PM

DC

“ Dear Donna,

As a classmate from RHS '63, I share in your sorrow. I enjoyed meeting him at reunions and in Dayton. He was always friendly, entertaining and thoughtful. You were a great addition to his life and really loved seeing you on some of our recent Zoom calls.

Dick will be missed by our classmates but you will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

*Sincere sympathy,
Diane Wissel Colaizzi*

Diane Colaizzi - December 28, 2020 at 01:53 PM

SF

“ *Sandy Cozad & Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dr. Richard Warren Houston MD.*



Sandy Cozad & Family - December 27, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard Warren Houston MD.*



December 26, 2020 at 01:39 PM

TS

“ Tom Stumpf lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard Warren Houston MD



Tom Stumpf - December 26, 2020 at 10:59 AM

MA

“ On Behalf of Dr. Houston, the Indianapolis VA Endoscopy Unit made a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project. All the endoscopy staff, nurses, doctors, and techs always enjoyed working with him. Dr. Houston was a kind man, and such a delight to work with. His patients would comment how great of a doctor he was. He will always be apart of the GI family.

Melissa Alexander - December 23, 2020 at 06:46 AM


Pamela
Kooser

“ What Dr. Houston felt in his heart showed in his words and actions. Praying for all the family.

Pam and Dick Kooser

Pamela Kooser - December 21, 2020 at 08:15 AM

JB

“ Condolences to the family. Dick will be missed by all who knew him.

John W Bowman - December 17, 2020 at 03:28 PM

BA

“ Sorry to read of Dick’s passing. My condolences to Donna and family.



Bill Alsman - December 17, 2020 at 02:20 PM

CC

“ Rodney and I are very sorry for your loss. I know that Dick was a wonderful father, husband and grandfather, and will be missed by all whose lives he touched.
Cathy Cozad

Catherine Cozad - December 17, 2020 at 10:35 AM

SC

“ Scott, Lucas and Emmett Cozad purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Richard Warren Houston MD.



Scott, Lucas and Emmett Cozad - December 17, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard Warren Houston MD.



December 16, 2020 at 02:33 PM

PH

“ Soory for your loss Terri. Best Wishes to you and your family.

Phil Hemenway - December 16, 2020 at 09:54 AM

SS

“ We are sadden to learn of Dick's passing. Dick played in the Sunday Morning Duffers Golf group Sunday mornings for years. His adventures in finding the golf course was always a source of amusement for the group. Dick had an infectious smile that made others smile too.

Our thoughts and prayers to Donna and the family.

Tom and Sharon Skelley

Sharon & Tom Skelley - December 15, 2020 at 05:55 PM