



Richard Allen Davis

July 17, 1945 - March 23, 2017

DAVIS, Richard Allen, of Quinton, Va., passed away on March 23, 2017 at the age of 71. He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years Elizabeth L. Toler and beloved daughter Hannah M. Davis; his brother Jeffrey F. Davis and wife Donna of Peoria, AZ; and his aunt Iris A. Timmerman and her daughter Luika Timmerman of Walnut Creek, CA. He was preceded in death by his mother Virginia Allen Trudel, and father Alton K. Davis.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, Rick moved with his family to Richmond, attended Henrico County schools, and graduated from Douglas Freeman High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in economics from University of Virginia in 1969 and a Master of Business Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1981.

His career in public finance included positions with the City of Richmond, the Virginia House Appropriations Committee, VCU, the Virginia Department of Highways, and the Virginia Department of the Treasury. He also worked as Senior Planning Analyst at Babcock and Wilcox, Assistant Executive Director of McGuire Clinic, Inc., and Health Care Manager at PruCare of New York.

In his own quiet and unassuming way, Rick was a master of motion. He loved flying airplanes, riding steam trains, racing motorcycles, and building and racing his beautiful Ford Cobra at Summit Point and VIR. He sailed the Chesapeake Bay on his Hampton and Catalina, and he loved windsurfing the waters off the Outer Banks and Aruba. Early in retirement, he faced the challenges of MS with amazing courage and dignity.

His greatest joy was becoming a father. His family will cherish all that he was and all that he stood for in a remarkable lifetime. Services will be private.

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”-Isaiah 40:31.

Comments



“ Rick was a great brother while I was growing up inside a home of turmoil. He was always there for me, especially when our dad died. I recall that at the cemetery I was about to lose it and Rick said, "Let's go for a ride little brother." So we took off on his motor cycle and I never wanted to lose that closeness I had to Rick. But over the years we parted ways for which I am truly sorry. He will be greatly missed.

Jeff

Jeff Davis - April 04, 2017 at 11:14 PM



“ Betty,

My sympathy to you and your Hannah for this great loss. Rick and I worked together as part of the House Appropriations Committee staff in the mid 70's. My main memories of that time are how hard we worked and how much we laughed, but I also recall his love of motorcycles and racing. Prayers for your comfort and peace.

Joan Claire "JC" Lassiter

Joan Lassiter - March 30, 2017 at 12:12 PM



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Ben Saunders - March 30, 2017 at 09:29 AM



“ Elizabeth and Family:

Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I had the privilege of working with Rick when he was at Treasury. He was a reliable, experienced, resourceful and bright employee who was quick with a joke or laugh even when under pressure. I enjoyed sharing stories of driving fast cars and enjoying the outdoors with Rick. According to Rick, "a squeaky tire is a happy tire..."

We will miss him.

Debt Rules!

Gary Ometer and Karin Whitt

Gary Ometer - March 28, 2017 at 07:44 PM



“ Dear Betty and Hannah,

I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathies are with you all in this difficult time. Rick was one of the best managers that I ever had. He was always kind, professional, extremely intelligent, and he taught me most everything that I know about public finance. He use to always say that you had to be "nimble" to work for VPSA. He will be greatly missed. With my deepest and heartfelt condolences.

Melissa W. Palmer

Melissa Palmer - March 28, 2017 at 03:01 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Rick at the Department of the Treasury a number of years ago and always enjoyed talking with him - I knew about some of his hobbies and passions but not all; quite the Renaissance man! He was a consummate professional, always willing to tackle a problem or help a colleague in his quiet, gentlemanly way. My sympathy on your loss. Mary Morris

Mary Morris - March 28, 2017 at 02:02 PM



“ Dear Betty and Hannah, my heart breaks for you as you face this loss. I pray that the God of all comfort will bring comfort to you both at this time of profound sadness. My prayers are with you.

Barbara Winters

Barbara Winters - March 28, 2017 at 11:16 AM



“ Betty & Family - I had the privilege of knowing Rick during his working time at VDOT. Rick was meticulous and astute in all his work. He was an expert advisor to all he worked with and always exhibited a great sense of humor through his smile. Rick's passion for his family and the water was the love and pride of his life. May you know he left great memories to those he touched. May your memories carry you through these difficult times. My thoughts and prayers are with you. - Peter Kolakowski

Peter Kolakowski - March 28, 2017 at 10:56 AM



“ I was fortunate to have worked with Rick at the Department of Treasury and I also knew him when he was working in the Governor's Policy Office. He was a patient and kind man with a great sense of humor. he loved talking about his beautiful daughter. Rick lived a good life and experience much.

Gloria Hatchel

Gloria Hatchel - March 28, 2017 at 10:20 AM



“ Rick was one of my first bosses and was a true mentor to me. He taught me the business of public finance, and showed me how to be both a gentleman and family man. I will miss him greatly.

Michael Walsh

Michael Walsh - March 28, 2017 at 09:54 AM



“ Betty and Hannah,

I am so sorry to hear about Rick's passing. Having had the privilege to work with Rick from 1998 - 2004 at the VA Department of Treasury, I was fortunate to experience his patience, kindness and wit. I learned a great deal from working with him and will always remember his wise advice. I hope you can take comfort in the fact that he lived life well. May God continue to bless and keep you. I will be keeping you lifted in prayer.

Kimberly S. Adams

Kimberly Adams - March 28, 2017 at 09:32 AM