



## Richard Lee Townsend, Jr.

February 1, 1943 - April 22, 2016

Richard Lee Townsend, Jr., 73, born February 1, 1943, passed away peacefully at his home in Bridgton, ME, on April 22, 2016. Rick grew up in Baltimore, MD, and on his father's farm Pampatike in Manquin, VA. Eventually, the family moved to Pompano Beach, FL, where Rick graduated high school as Valedictorian and met his wife, Laurel Ann. After receiving Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from MIT in Electrical Engineering (EE) in 1965, he earned a PhD in EE from Stanford University in 1969. Rick accepted a job as a Member of Technical Staff at AT&T in Berkeley Heights, NJ, and later moved as a Supervisor with Lucent Technologies. Rick retired from Lucent in 2007 after 38 years of service. He then took a job traveling around the world as a lead telecommunications standards representative for Lucent. Laurel often joined Rick in his global adventures. He managed to visit all seven continents, the last was Antarctica. Family and friends were very important to Rick. Laurel was the love of his life. Rick was very proud of his two children, Scott Richard and Kristin Lynn. They delighted his life at every stage of their growing up. Rick was a very involved parent, sharing his passions and encouraging and coaching in their sports activities. His grandchildren Zachary and Emma brought him much joy. His friends were numerous and he kept close ties with high school friends, college roommates and classmates, Porsche Club buddies and his New Jersey Berkeley Heights and Holmdel neighbors. Rick's hobbies included: tenting with the family in National Parks, driving his Porsche with the Porsche Club at race tracks

around the country, and traveling and cruising around the world with friends and family. His favorite was his African safari with Porsche Club friends. Rick was an avid woodworker, making many wooden gifts, including cradles for his grandchildren. Rick retired to Bridgton, ME, where he met more wonderful neighbors. Rick will be sorely missed by all his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Lee and Florence Hoyle Townsend. He is survived by his wife, Laurel Ann, of 52 years; his children, Scott Richard and Kristin Lynn (David); and his grandchildren, Zachary Bern and Emma Rebecca. The family will receive friends Friday, April 29, 2016 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Townsend family homestead, Queenfield, 1042 Dabneys Mill Road, Manquin, VA 23106. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday April 30, 2016 at McKendree United Methodist Church, 4347 Manfield Rd., Manquin, VA 23106. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 304, Chicago, IL 60611 (1-888-733-6741 or [www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org](http://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org)). Vincent Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## McKendree UMC Cemetery

4347 Manfield Rd.  
Manquin, VA 23106

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Queenfield Farm  
1042 Dabney's Mill Rd.  
Manquin, VA 23106

## Service

APR **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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