



Richard V. McCloskey

December 27, 1933 - July 8, 2018

Richard Vensel McCloskey, 84, died Sunday, July 8 in upstate New York. He was born December, 27th 1933 in Wilkensburg, PA, son of William and Marie McCloskey.

He married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Jean MacMillan on August 25th, 1956. He attended University of Rochester Medical School, earning his medical degree and a master's degree in microbiology. He was one of the "iron men" during his residency at Duke University. Specializing in infectious diseases, a fellowship at the NIH followed. He then joined the faculty at the University of Texas/San Antonio and served in the US Public Health Service. During this time he became a subject in one of his own research projects, with the experience documented in the book "Who Goes First? The Story of Self-Experimentation in Medicine". Moving to Philadelphia, he became the Chairman of Medicine at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Daroff Division and was on faculty at the Jefferson Medical College and University of Pennsylvania. Retiring from his first career, he launched a second career in medical research. He directed clinical trials for Hoffman LaRouche, Centocor and became Vice President of Scientific Affairs at Johnson and Johnson. A third career followed as scientific advisor for Endo Pharmaceuticals and for Renova Therapeutics.

With his wife Nancy, Dick raised three children. We remember constant gentle reminders to learn something every day and how to care for the menagerie of "lost" animals that Nancy would "find". Dick spent many happy times with Nancy in the Thousand Islands, N.Y. with family and friends. Her loss three years ago affected him deeply. While we will miss him terribly, we know he was glad to rejoin her. As a matter of fact, a fireball streaked across the East Coast shortly after he passed. Perhaps that was because he was kicking open the doors up there in eagerness to tell her about all the experiences he had after she left us.

Dick is survived by his three children, Katy, Jenny and Pat, as well as five grandchildren Oren, Grant, Natalie, Daniel and Nicole. We miss him.

His Funeral Service will be held on Saturday July 21st. at 11 am in Washington Memorial Chapel, Route 23, Valley Forge, PA. Burial will follow in the Churchyard.

If so desired, contributions in his memory may be made to Washington Memorial Chapel.

Cemetery

Adjoining Churchyard

PA,

Events

JUL 21 Funeral Service 11:00AM

Washington Memorial Chapel
Route 23, Valley Forge Park, PA, US

Comments



“ Chuck purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Richard V. McCloskey.



Chuck - July 19, 2018 at 05:35 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard V. McCloskey.



July 18, 2018 at 04:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard V. McCloskey.



July 17, 2018 at 07:25 PM



“ From your friends at Iroquois Island purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard V. McCloskey.



From your friends at Iroquois Island - July 17, 2018 at 03:05 PM



“ The entire staff at The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard V. McCloskey.



The entire staff at The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe - July 16, 2018 at 02:50 PM



“ I only knew him in 1973-1974 at Einstein's Daroff Division. He was an excellent teacher. He was a great and kind human being ("mentch"). He kept the Dept of Medicine sane. I especially recall him protecting the career of a foreign born resident who was being inappropriately criticized and downgraded by an attending.

Allan P. Freedman, M.D.

Allan P. Freedman, MD - July 15, 2018 at 01:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard V. McCloskey.



July 13, 2018 at 09:23 AM



“ I had the distinct pleasure of working with Mac during my tenure at Centocor, and later as a director at Endo. To state that Mac was a "class act" falls far short of the man that he was. A brilliant clinician with an intense interest in the science behind the medicine, and the rare gift of having those competencies while still being a gentleman and a joy to work with. One key aspect of Mac's legacy is the fact that the contributions he made to the development of several breakthrough products will live on as benefits to the lives of the many patients those products now serve. Mac will be sorely missed!

From Joe Scodari

Joe Scodari - July 13, 2018 at 08:16 AM