



## Richard "Dick" Leon Grachan

March 22, 1937 - November 19, 2022

On November 19, 2022 Richard "Dick" Grachan (affectionately known as Poppy) of Lady Lake, FL passed away peacefully while holding the hand of Carol Grachan, his wife of 65 years. He was born in Joliet, IL on March 22, 1937 to George Grachan and Rose Wojtak. Poppy was preceded in eternal glory by his parents, brother Dennis, sister Helen and three sons – Steve, Jim, and Tony. He leaves behind the love of his life, Carol Grachan, with whom he was blessed to spend over 65 loving years. Their happily ever after started in 1955 after a blind date for prom. They raised six children to whom he was a doting and loving father.

Poppy leaves behind three children, daughter Debi Lacy and her husband Tommy, of Lady Lake, FL, daughter Sharon Rolfes and her husband Mark, of Forest, VA, and son Bill Grachan and his wife Wanda, of Evington, VA. Poppy also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren Ricky Llewellyn, Tanya Thacker, Melissa Harman, Jenny Deddens, Keely Llewellyn, Michael Lacy, Matt Grachan, Heather Rolfes, Andy Rolfes, Tyler Grachan and Kathryn Spencer; great-grandchildren Tatum Latham, Emma Dooley, Auron Llewellyn, Amelia Llewellyn, Charlie Harman, Lola Harman, Aurora Rolfes, Benjamin Deddens, Madeline Deddens, Navy Grachan, Ashlyn Thacker, Breanne Thacker, Miranda Thacker, Peyton Lacy, Madison Lacy, Ryder Lacy and Greyson Rolfes; and great-great-grandchild Maelynn Latham.

Not only does Poppy leave his loved ones behind but he leaves behind an immutable legacy, the caliber of which one rarely encounters on this good earth. Poppy will be remembered for his devotion to his family, dedication to Chicago sports teams, his wisdom and generous spirit. He cherished every moment spent with his family be it celebrating a major holiday, attending a ball game, or just spending a quiet afternoon on the lanai. Poppy's zest for life made even the mundane tasks a fun time.

He often expressed his love for others through his delicious cooking and if not actually preparing a meal, Poppy was talking about cooking, sharing recipes or savoring a good meal out. To that end he never met a stranger and made fast friends be it through good food, good conversation or a good German beer. His passion for others was also expressed by creating jewelry.

We will cherish the lessons Poppy taught us, the grace he bestowed, and the kindness he exemplified every day.

To know Poppy was to love him.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Lynchburg, VA at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Lady Lake, Florida.

# Tribute Wall

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“ God Bless you Mr Grachan. Condolences to the family.

Olin D Llewellyn - April 26, 2024 at 02:25 PM

CD

“ Dick and Carol were our neighbors and we had nightly happy hour until they moved. Dick was a very generous man and if you mentioned jewelry he would always bring you something. He even made jewelry for my granddaughter! We loved Dick and Carol and will miss him greatly!

Corinne Dixon - November 27, 2022 at 10:28 AM

SK

“ So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Worked with him for many years. Always greeting you with a smile.

Steve Kidd - November 26, 2022 at 11:10 AM

BC

“ I worked with Dick at M/B and later at RRD—He was a wonderful, good natured friend and really loved his work family—he was a true southern gentleman—RIP my friend

Brenda Drinkard Coleman - November 26, 2022 at 10:44 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

JoAnn Martin - November 26, 2022 at 08:36 AM

CL

“ My favorite uncle who was more like a father to me. You truly will be missed. I have so many wonderful memories with Uncle Dick. The best memory was watching the Bears win the superbowl in 85 with him. He was so happy. Love you forever, Uncle Dick. You will truly be missed by all of us

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**cathy Lasak** - November 23, 2022 at 05:37 PM

SN

“ Rich & I are so sorry abt the passing of Uncle Dick he was a wonderful uncle who was always joking he was a loving caring person he will be fondly missed Love Rich & Sue Narug

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**Susan Narug** - November 23, 2022 at 03:52 PM