



Richard Arthur Howard

April 10, 1947 - September 25, 2023

Richard Arthur Howard, 77, of Umatilla, FL passed away on Monday, September 25, 2023 in Tavares, Florida.

Richard was born in Detroit, Michigan to Ralph Arthur and Roberta Lee “Downs” Howard. He attended local schools before moving to Farmington, Michigan for his high school graduation. He was a Flight Instructor in the U.S. Navy and served a tour in Vietnam. While on active duty in the Navy, Richard received a draft notice from the Army. Of course, he respectfully declined the Army’s offer. Richard was a 5rd generation electrician, working largely on large construction projects. He initially worked in the family business, Howard Electric in Michigan. From Michigan he moved to Florida to be close to his family.

A sports fan, he enjoyed rooting for the Orlando Magic and a variety of Detroit and Tampa teams. He and Karen loved cruises, traveling frequently throughout the western and southern Caribbean islands. Each morning started at the breakfast table meeting the challenges of the daily crossword and crypto quote puzzles. But, more than anything, Richard loved his time with family and friends.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife Karen Henry Howard; older sister Bobbye Tracer; son Ralph Howard of Umatilla, Florida; his son Charles

(Dawn) Howard; son Christopher (Brandie) Howard; daughter Jackie (Dave) Schmidt; and daughter Laura (Nick) Candela, all of Michigan; 12 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, and 2 nephews.

Interment will be in a Umatilla, Florida cemetery at the convenience of the family. A Memorial Service is planned for Monday, November 20th 2023.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

Tribute Wall

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“ Vicki Lake lit a candle in memory of Richard Arthur Howard



Vicki Lake - October 18, 2023 at 08:50 PM

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“ Amy Stultz lit a candle in memory of Richard Arthur Howard



Amy Stultz - October 18, 2023 at 10:30 AM

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“ Rick was an amazing husband to Karen, father and friend. He was gentle, kind and such a loving person. He will be missed by all of us.

Brenda Brasher - October 04, 2023 at 09:04 AM