



Richard Thomas Ripley

April 1, 1944 - September 13, 2020

Richard 'Dick' Thomas Ripley, age 76, of Leesburg, FL passed away Sunday September 13, 2020 after a very valiant fight against cancer. He was born April 1, 1944 in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Fred and Patricia Ripley, and was raised in Traverse City, Michigan. He resided in various cities throughout Florida for the last 37 years.

Dick served in the US Army, 21st Artillery from 1961 to 1964 stationed in Germany. He loved traveling within the United States as well as cruising various destinations including Alaska and Cuba. He became a scuba instructor and enjoyed scuba diving off the coast of Florida. While residing in Coral Springs, he was passionate about Christmas decorations; with the planning starting months in advance and the decorating starting in September to be ready for the holiday season. The neighborhood competition was fierce but enjoyed by hundreds of visitors each night. It was truly memorable experience.

Dick was passionate about entertaining and loved preparing various meats on the grill or smoker, always cooking a new creation for his guests. The dishes he created were flavorful and the presentation was a work of art. He was a very talented handyman, remodeling several houses where he lived.

There was no pet that he did not befriend. He was a true animal lover and is

preceded in death by his two dogs, Coco and Amber.

Dick is survived by his wife, Nancy Ripley, his children, Lori Hutson (and Travis), Scott (Gayle) Ripley and Allison Hilliker; grandchildren, Brandi Hutson, Ashley Hutson, DJ Hutson, Zach Hilliker and Nick Hilliker; great grandchildren, Malachi, Jordyn, Maci, Jaylen, Kenadi, Ja'ziah and Laci. He is survived by his two brothers; Dennis (Vivo) Ripley and Donald Ripley and sister Cathy Ralston and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date along with a service with full military honors at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. Details will be added here as they become available. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Cornerstone Hospice <http://cshospice.org/foundation/giving/>

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. While i didn't know Dick for very long I know how much he will be missed by so many family and friends. When we last saw Dick and Nancy, Dick was kind enough to give us a bottle of his awesome homemade BBQ sauce. It was some of the best sauce we've ever had. May he rest in peace. Hugs and love to you all.

Brenda Johnson - October 05, 2020 at 05:33 PM

AL

“ Dad, may you rest in peace and feel no more pain. You are missed and never will be forgotten! You took us kids on alot of adventures that will never be forgotten. I love you thru eternity ❤️❤️ please give my mom a hug for me and both you and mom be my guardian angel 🌸🌸🌸 missed but never forgotten 😞😞

Allison - September 26, 2020 at 11:35 AM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss Nancy and family, he will be missed at Thanksgiving dinners, which is where we saw you and Dick almost every year. Dick was always holding and spoiling his dog or anyone else's that was there. May he Rest In Peace and may your beautiful memories and comfort from all your family and friends help you through this difficult time. Deepest Sympathy, Don and Jeanne.

Don and Jeanne Durden - September 19, 2020 at 04:29 PM

PC

“ Nancy,

Ray and I were greatly saddened about the passing of Dick. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ray has very fond memories of Dick when you lived in Michigan City. Ray's memory is not very good right now but when I told him the passing of Dick he was very emotional. Wish we could have gotten together in the past years but it is good to talk to you both last year.

Love, Ray and Pam

Pam Blue & Ray Cermak - September 18, 2020 at 09:48 PM