



## Richard "Dick" E Rood

June 10, 1942 - December 22, 2022

Richard E Rood, of Fruitland Park FL, passed away Thursday December 22, 2022. Richard, "Dick", was born June 10, 1942. Pre-deceased by his wife Carol (Jones) in 2019 and parents Leon and Lola Rood. Dick graduated from Homer Central High School in 1960. In October 1960 he joined the Army and was honorably discharged September 1963. In the Army Dick was a machine operator, clerk and ran radios, repaired vehicles. He was too short to go to Vietnam so he stayed at post. Dick and Carol married September 18, 1965 and resided in Groton NY until moving to Florida in 1995. Sometime in his career he went to Service Manager College at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta GA. He worked at Tallmadge Tire, Bill Rice Sunoco for 7 years after the military. Brockway Motors for 2 years, Anderson Olds for 7 years as the service manager. Stafford Chevrolet for 4 years. He owned Dicks Auto Repair on Rt 222 and in Leesburg FL. Everyone who know Dick could always call him up and he could help diagnosis their car problems over the telephone. The love he had for cars; old and new. Drag racing – racing in general. Everyone had a friend in Dick. He is survived by his brother Gerald Rood, Uncle Gordon (Jeanette) Rood, Brother in Law Greg (Dee) Jones, Nephew Josh Rood and SEVERAL friends in FL and NY whom will miss him dearly. An interment will take place at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Leesburg FL, Friday January 6 at 1:30pm.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memorial Gardens

1901 County Rd 25A  
Leesburg, FL 34748

# Previous Events

## Interment

JAN 6. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Prayer 🙏  
Dear Lord,<sup>[SEP]</sup>  
We remember all the good our grandfather did. His warmth, generosity and kind spirit shall be a lasting testament to the wonderful person he was.<sup>[SEP]</sup> We were blessed with his presence and now we ask for your everlasting love to surround and embrace him.  
Amen*

Crystal - January 06, 2023 at 01:05 PM

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*I am with Dick Dayton, and Pat. Now in Florida. Sorry to hear this.*

Maureen Lapchynski - May 13, 2025 at 09:24 AM

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“ *Always enjoyed when I was traveling for NASCAR to be able to see uncle Dick when I was in FL! Many great memories cruising in the classic cars to early morning breakfast! One trip when I flew back home I left my cell phone in the El camino and Dick had to mail it back home! Many phone calls picking his brain on the automotive and repair industry! Always enjoyed the fresh fruit he would send up around the holidays! Many trips to Doug's Fish Fry with my mom and Courtney when he came to NY and visit. Picture posted is of my uncle and I at his dad Leon's 90th birthday party. It's not an ending it's a turn of the chapter in Dicks life. He can now be cruising in the classic cars! As he would say to me stay out of trouble young man!  
Love Courtney & Josh*



Joshua Rood - January 05, 2023 at 06:57 PM