



## Richard F. Hyldahl

July 19, 1942 - March 7, 2020

Bonita Springs, Florida resident Richard Fletcher Hyldahl, 77, died March 7, 2020 with his beloved wife Karen by his side.

“Dick” was born on July 19, 1942 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey to Fletcher Anton and Bessie Ruth Bunten Hyldahl.

Dick spent his childhood in Metuchen, New Jersey and attended Metuchen High School, where he roamed the halls with his lifelong friend Sal Puca until he graduated in 1959. He was a gifted athlete in High School. He averaged double figures on the varsity basketball team and allegedly was a fantastic punter on the football team.

He went on to attend Albright College where he graduated in 1963. He would receive his Masters in Counseling and Psychology from Bucknell University in 1965.

It was at Bucknell that he met his first wife Bonnie Lynne Hawkins, with whom he had 3 children - Kimberly, Christian and Matthew.

In 1970, Dick began his very successful career at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith. He would go on to the Management Assessment Center where he excelled and was soon thereafter made Regional Vice President of the Lansing, Michigan Complex. He was quickly promoted to larger complexes, first in Columbus, Ohio and subsequently the Lawrenceville, New Jersey complex earning accolades and accommodations along the way. He positively impacted and directed the lives and careers of many people with whom he worked. He retired in 1999.

Over the years he nurtured and enjoyed 2 true passions. He was a steadfast fan of the Ohio State Football team. He also loved his Weimaraners -Jessie, Bubba, Bodie and Boomer. And lastly Boudreaux, his miniature Schnauzer who was by his side when he passed.

While in Lawrenceville, he met his soulmate with whom he would share the rest of his life, Karen. Their love was apparent and everlasting. They married in 1997. Karen had two children from a previous marriage - Tyler and Troy - who knew Dick as "Dad". They would later have a home in North East, Maryland, where they lived until the boys graduated High School. They have owned a home in Bonita Bay since 1997, and eventually made Bonita Bay their full-time residence. They cherished their time spent together on their lanai as they savored the views and the beauty of nature. Dick would often say "This is one of my favorite places in the world to be."

Dick is preceded in death by his son Tyler. He is survived by his wife Karen and his children Kimberly, Christian, Matthew and Troy, and known to his 8 Grandchildren as their beloved "Bebop" - Allison, Samuel, Kathryn, John, Riley, Aubrey Ella, Cooper, and Cameron; his sister, Joyce Hyldahl Groben (William), and their son, Fletcher.

Funeral Services are being postponed indefinitely due to the coronavirus and will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

# Comments

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“ I love looking at the post of Dick's friends when he was working and how much of an advocate, advisor, mentor he was to his fellow associates. I, on the other hand met Dick when he was retired and enjoying his life golfing, and overall having the time of his life with his wife Karen. Oh I should mention his other love Boudreaux! Dick loved his life and was always a pleasure to be with, so soft spoken, never irrational in his words and advising in a kind supportive manner. It was easy to see how Dick could be so influential in business. I will miss Dick's open policy of "hey Jane what would you like to to drink? And then we would, with Karen have a wonderful time, with southern hospitality and kindness. Love you Dick, miss you. Jane

**Jane Bransfield** - March 22, 2020 at 10:51 PM

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“ Karen and family, my heart is sickened with the passing of Dick.

Dick, you sure will be dearly missed. We've had some great time with you and my sister Karen, from our first meeting at your house on the Chesapeake in North East to the vacations I shared with you guys in Bonita Springs. I will always remember your beautiful smile and grin. That smile was there the last time I saw you the night before your surgery. What a loss! May you watch down from heave and continue smiling.

**Linda Barnes** - March 16, 2020 at 11:16 PM

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“ Karen and Family: MICHAEL That's how he said hello whenever we talked or whenever we visited. I'll miss hearing that. A genuine exhubarance from a genuine friend. I'm one of the 114 South Grand AE's hired by " King Richard" as Dimitri called him. Zimm, Troy, Chuck and me. All our lives made better by the moment we started at Merrill under his tutelage. Friends I treasure today. A friend I'll miss forever. Mike Bobinski BG 686 0458

**Michael Bobinski** - March 15, 2020 at 10:26 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard F. Hyldahl.



March 12, 2020 at 09:31 AM

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“ Karen so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Our thoughts are with you. We look forward to your return to golf with the girls.  
Fondly, Barb

**Barbara Palk** - March 11, 2020 at 09:51 AM

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“ Becky Salaun lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Hyldahl



**Becky Salaun** - March 10, 2020 at 11:12 AM

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“ Dick was the manager of the Lawrenceville Merrill Lynch office when I had my first management assignment there as sales manager. I had a rough start and Dick patiently and wisely coached me to be a much better leader. I look back at that time as some of the most important and formative in my career. I am incredibly thankful to God that He put Dick in my life then. I became a far better leader and man because of him. It could have turned out a lot differently if he was not there for me. I am also thankful due to the kindness of Jim and Subha Barry who invited Kay and I to their beach home two summers ago that I got to see Dick and meet Karen. I also got to tell Dick directly how much he meant to me. I am so thankful that I got to be able to do that. My last memory of him is a big hug good bye. I am so thankful.

**Carl Meyer** - March 10, 2020 at 09:48 AM

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“ Carl and Kay Meyer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard F. Hyldahl.



Carl and Kay Meyer - March 10, 2020 at 09:41 AM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard F. Hyldahl.



March 09, 2020 at 06:46 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard F. Hyldahl.



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