



Richard W. Bailey

November 7, 1933 - April 10, 2021

Richard Williams “Dick” Bailey, 87, of Naples, Florida passed away Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Avow Frances Georgeson Hospice House. Formerly of Dublin, Ohio, he had been a winter resident of Fort Myers Beach for many years before moving permanently to Naples seven years ago. Born November 7, 1933 in Parkersburg, WV, son of the late Walter Engle Bailey and Mary Elizabeth (Williams) Bailey. Also preceded in death by daughter Carol Lynn Bailey, sister Barbara Elizabeth Klein, and brother Walter Engle Bailey, Jr. (“Bud”).

He was a 1951 graduate of Columbus North High School where he was President of National Honor Society and Toastmasters Club and a member of the varsity golf and debate teams. He earned both his B.A. in Political Science and law degree from The Ohio State University and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Delta Phi Law fraternities. He was involved in many campus activities including Student Senate, Forensic Society, Buckeye Political Party, secretary-treasurer of his law class, and VP of the Block “O” organization.

Stationed in New Hampshire, Tokyo, and Las Vegas, Dick served in the JAG Corps of the United States Air Force from 1957 to 1963, completing his military career as a Captain.

He practiced law for fifty years in both Worthington, OH and Fort Myers Beach, FL. Most importantly, Dick was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and invites you to accept the Good News that God loves you and wants you to know Him through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, he served on the HR Committee and participated in Chancel Choir, Tuesday Singers, and the Order of Saint Luke. For most of his life he was a member of All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington, OH where he served on the Church Council, Treasurer, and leader of Bible studies and men's ministries. Before moving to Naples, Dick was a member of Northwest Presbyterian Church in Dublin, OH. Dick was also active in the Fourth Day Christian Movements: Cum Christo, Kairos, and the Great Banquet, served on several teams, and in three reunion groups.

He volunteered as an Allied Attorney for The Alliance Defending Freedom Group (ADF), as President of Worthington Sertoma and Worthington Chamber of Commerce.

Golf was his passion, inspiring him to be a charter member of Worthington Hills Country Club, Worthington, OH; Muirfield Village Golf Club, Dublin, OH; West Bay Golf Club, Estero, FL and a member at Imperial Golf Club in Naples, FL. He accomplished four holes-in-one over his lifetime and was a member of The Geezer's Golf Group.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Deborah Spielman Bailey; children, Cynthia Bailey (Jim) Roberts of Worthington, OH, Pamela Bailey (Gary) Marinko of Wilmington, NC, and Richard Laurence Bailey of Spokane, WA; stepson, John Mark Saunders of Delaware, OH; grandchildren, Bradley Spencer Roberts, James Evans Roberts, Jr. ("Jake"), and Eleanor Carol Roberts; niece and nephews, Liz Klein of Lakewood, WA, Steve Klein of Fallon, NV, and Rick (Jana) Klein of Ammon, ID.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 2:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, 9751 Bonita Beach Rd., Bonita Springs, FL 34135. Inurnment will follow in the church columbarium.

An additional service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 1, 2021, Debbie's and Dick's 29th anniversary. The service will be at All Saints Lutheran Church, 6770 N High Street, Worthington, OH 43085 where they had been married 29 years ago on May 1, 1992. This service will be available by livestream: Memorial Service for Richard W. Bailey <https://youtu.be/aua-DRAAKns> and also available on the church's YouTube channel www.SaintsOnHigh.org.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Dick's name to the Mission Fund at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs at the address above.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs Resurrection Garden

9751 Bonita Beach Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 25. 2:30 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs
9751 Bonita Beach Rd.
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Memorial Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

All Saints Lutheran Church
6770 N. High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Tribute Wall



“ *Condolences to his family*



Carson Loveless - July 03, 2025 at 11:29 AM



“ *Richard W. Bailey*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Your friends at Gilson Company purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard W. Bailey.*



Your friends at Gilson Company - April 23, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *To Debbie, Cindy and Pam and family,
Dick was a huge part of my life and memories. I have favorite pictures posted along my hallway; Dick is in at least two of those. He and my husband, John K. Taylor, were close friends. Both lawyers, they enjoyed golf and bridge together. I am saddened to learn of Dick's death so soon following John's. I loved Dick's sense of humor, positive outlook and devotion to family. He is missed.
Judie Taylor*

Judith Taylor - April 19, 2021 at 11:41 AM

PV

“ *My sincerest condolences to your family and loved ones. We have fond memories of Dick from NPC Choir, he is a good man and will be missed.*

Paul Vertucci - April 18, 2021 at 08:20 AM

HT

“ *So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Such a great guy and his smile and warm handshake will be missed at NPC. Thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this time.*

Harry Trombitas - April 17, 2021 at 09:11 AM

KM

“ *Cindy and Pam,*

Our fathers are critically important people to us, and losing them leaves a huge hole in our lives. I have loved your family for over 40 years now, and my heart is aching for your loss. What a comfort and blessing, though, to have the assurance that your dad was a follower of Jesus Christ. Jesus promises us that God works all things for good for those who are called according to His purpose . . . and that most certainly describes your dad. Know that I am praying that the certainty that he is now with our Lord will bring you great peace. I love you both dearly.

Kathy Moore - April 16, 2021 at 08:38 PM

DD

“ *Karen and I remember singing with Dick and Debbie in the NPC choir. Dick was a super nice guy.*

Don Dorr

Don Dorr - April 16, 2021 at 05:48 PM