



Richard C. Becker

March 1, 1931 - June 8, 2018

Richard Charles Becker, Ph.D (Dick) of Naples, FL, formerly of Bonita Springs, FL, and Oak Brook, IL.

Loving husband of Magdalene "Lynn" (Kypry), born in Chicago, IL, son of the late Charles B. and Rose (Zak) Becker.

President Emeritus of Benedictine University, formerly Illinois Benedictine College (IBC), Lisle, IL.

Dick received his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Fournier Institute of Technology, Lemont, IL, in 1953 and went on to receive two Master degrees, one in Math and another in Electrical Engineering before receiving his Ph.d in EE in 1959 from the University of Illinois, Urbana, IL. He also attended the Harvard School of Educational Management, Boston, MA, before becoming president of IBC. A building on the campus of Benedictine University, Lisle, IL, is named in his honor.

A former staff engineer, research scientist, Civilian scientist, and Program Manager for the Navy's Polaris Submarine Program. Director of Far Eastern Operations and then Group Vice President for the Amphenol Corporation in Oak Brook, IL. Chief Executive Officer of Fortune International Enterprises in Oak Brook, IL. More recently, he received the American Flag flown over the

United States Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C., and a citation for his invaluable scientific expertise to the U.S. Navy Submarine Community and a True Patriot.

A former Professor and Trustee of Midwest College of Engineering, Lombard, IL, and a Trustee of Illinois Benedictine College. He also served on the Board of Governors of the Brook Forest Community Association of Oak Brook, IL, and was Chairman of the Council of West Suburban Colleges and International Engineering Consortium Executive Advisory Board. Served as West Suburban Academic Council President, and on the board of The National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and the board of the Illinois Association of Private Colleges and Universities. Dick is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in Finance and Industry, Who's Who in Commerce and Industry, and Who's Who in American Education.

In 2005, he was named President Emeritus of the Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation of Chicago, IL, after serving 38 years, 15 years as president. The foundation created many endowments including: an endowment to the University of Illinois Chicago campus Professorial Chair in Catholic Studies, an endowment to Loyola University in Chicago, IL, for the Cardinal Benardin Cancer Research Center, and an endowment to the Chicago Theological Union.

Dick received many Honorary Degrees including those from DePaul University, Loyola University, Midwest College of Engineering, North Central College, and McDonald's Doctor of Hamburgerology. He was named an Outstanding Alumnus of the University of Illinois. He received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America and is listed in the Eagle scout Roll of Honor Directory. He was a Regent for Life of the National Eagle Scout Association. Recognition for his service to the Cub

Scouts of America, a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International.

Dick and Lynn moved to Bonita Springs in 1995 and he was the President of the Bonita Springs Incorporation and Transition Committee leading to the new City of Bonita Springs in 1999. He was also a member of the Financial Roundtable of Bonita Springs, the Bonita Springs Men's Club, and the Lee County Sheriff's Citizen Academy. He was a frequent speaker at the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce, and was recognized by the Bonita Springs Men's Club with an Outstanding Service Award. Dick and Lynn wrote articles in the "View From Here" section of the Bonita Banner for several years.

He was a Knight Commander with Star of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher, a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 11281 and a 4th Degree Color Corps Assembly 3308 member of the Knights of Columbus of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Naples, FL. He was a Lector at St. John's parish for many years.

Dick, also known as "Papi" to his grandchildren, leaves behind Lynn, his loving wife of 64 years, his sons, Lt. Commander USN (Ret.) Richard J. "Rick" Becker and his wife Therese; Dr. Daniel P. Becker, DVM; Dr. Douglas F Becker, Ph.D and his wife Jeanne; Steven G. Becker and his wife Susan; and his daughter Pamela J. Radcliff and her husband Donald L. Radcliff.

Grandchildren: Andrew Joseph and Nicole Marie Becker; Richlyn Lea, Ashley (Frank Heredeem) and John Radcliff (Sarah). Many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by his sister Arlene M. Stafford and her husband Joseph (Placerville, CA) and by his brother-in-law Raymond J. Kypry and his wife Irene (Cicero, IL).

The family will receive friends on Monday, June 11, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home 28300 So. Tamiami Tr. Bonita Springs.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 12:00 noon at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 625 111th Ave. No., Naples, FL. Burial will follow in St. John's Memorial Garden.

The family would like to request and would appreciate donations to the Richard C. and Lynn Becker Scholarship Fund at Benedictine University, 5700 College Rd., Lisle, IL 60532. www.ben.edu.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-4982
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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Ave N
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard C. Becker*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I met Dr. Becker and his wife Lynn when Father Stanley O.S.B. Sat with them at the Benedictine University homecoming game. My classmate from Rich Central High School was the Head coach and asked me to come to the game. I gave Father Stan a ride and we ended up sitting with Dr. Becker and some of the alumni. We had great fun as Fathers Stan was real funny. 😂 Great memories and the Becker's were so nice. May he Rest In Peace and my prayers are for Lynn and her loved ones. Thanks for all you do 🙏❤️🌹🌈*

Kristin Bladek - January 20, 2019 at 07:13 PM



“ *I learned to respect Dick many years ago being a class behind him at Fournier and then the occasional meetings at the local gas station in Oakbrook Terrace, and sitting behind him and his beautiful family at Sunday mass and more recently the few lunches I had with him in Bonita Springs. There was never anyone I met in my lifetime that I respected more then Dick. My deepest sympathy to Lynn and the family. Jim McDonnell, Class of 50/54 at Fournier Institute.*

Jim McDonnell - June 11, 2018 at 09:24 PM

TM

“ *What a wonderful man. A loss to all who knew him. A person who sincerely cared about his work and family. Illinois Benedictine was able to grow through his leadership and faith. He will truly be missed. Condolences to Lynn and the Becker family.*

Tom Murphy, Past Chair, President's Advisory Council, IBC

Tom Murphy - June 11, 2018 at 10:55 AM

CS

“ *My sympathy on the passing of a great leader, teacher, and friend. I will always remember the days I would bring my daughter out to Benedictine to watch softball and Dick would on many times go out of his way to talk to her about the values for striving for success in life and athletics. I also remember our 6am early morning breakfast meetings to discuss Benedictine business.*

Charlie Stasica past president alumni board at Benedictine

Charlie Stasica - June 11, 2018 at 06:03 AM

HW

“ *Lynn: I think of Dick often, and the gracious and generous way he welcomed me into the fraternity of college presidents on Chicago/Maple Avenue. He showed the*

way in so many things, and you and he were the highlight of all those Moser

cruises. Our thoughts are with you and your family. God bless!

Hal (and Benna) Wilde

Hal Wilde - June 10, 2018 at 06:01 PM

DP

“ sorry for your loss Lenny, our two grand children graduated from Benedictine..its been a long time since we were neighbors on Highland Ave in Berwyn,il. Laverne and Dan Pope, Westchester,Il.

Daniel A Pope - June 10, 2018 at 10:14 AM

FF

“ Friends at The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard C. Becker.



Friends at The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation - June 09, 2018 at 12:23 PM

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Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation - June 09, 2018 at 11:38 AM

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Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation - June 09, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard C. Becker.* ”



June 08, 2018 at 06:37 PM



“ *Pamela Radcliff lit a candle in memory of Richard C. Becker* ”



Pamela Radcliff - June 08, 2018 at 04:59 PM



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Pamela Radcliff - June 08, 2018 at 04:58 PM



“ *Love you, Papi* ”

Pamela Radcliff - June 08, 2018 at 04:03 PM

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Pamela Radcliff - June 08, 2018 at 03:59 PM