



## Richard S. Beebe Sr.

September 10, 1935 - December 30, 2024

Richard S. Beebe, Sr., 89, of Estero, Florida, passed away peacefully on December 30, 2024, at the Life Care Center of Estero. He was born in New York City on September 10, 1935, and moved to Moss Point, Mississippi in 1937. In 1948, Richard and his family moved to Mount Dora, Florida, where he would begin to build a life filled with love, family, and dedication.

Richard married the love of his life, Elaine Beebe, on March 11, 1961, and together they spent 63 years and 10 months building a beautiful family and a lasting legacy of love. Richard's life journey took him from Mount Dora to Melbourne, then to Windermere, where they settled in 1961. The family later moved to Maitland in 1994, and Richard and Elaine made their final moves to Coconut Creek in 2013 and Estero in 2024.

Professionally, Richard spent most of his career in software sales for the banking industry, where he earned the respect and admiration of colleagues and clients alike. His work ethic, integrity, and ability to connect with people marked his professional success.

In his personal life, Richard was passionate about the outdoors and loved spending time on the water. He was an avid boater and sailor, even teaching sailing classes and enjoying leisurely "putt-putts" around Lake Bessie with a drink in hand. Saturdays were reserved for tennis, and Thursday evenings

found him on the court once again. He was also an enthusiastic camper who cherished nature, and his love for the Florida Gators was undeniable.

Richard was deeply involved in youth sports, often coaching his son Rick's football and baseball teams, instilling a sense of teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship in all the children he mentored.

He was a proud Eagle Scout and long-time member of the Windermere Rotary Club, as well as the Gator Booster Club, where he actively supported his beloved Florida Gators.

Richard is survived by his devoted wife, Elaine; daughter, Deborah (Ken) Butalewicz of Boca Raton, FL; sons, Kenneth (Gary) Beebe of Tallahassee, FL and Rick (Karen) Beebe of Naples, FL; grandchildren, Shannon (Tom), Matthew (Dena), Andrew (Maddie), Jackson and Carter; and great grandchildren, Thomas, Avery and Griffin.

A private family memorial service will be celebrated on February 1, 2025. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Support Network, 1421 Pine Ridge Road, Suite 100, Naples, FL 34109 <https://support.network/donate/>

Richard's presence will be deeply missed, but his spirit will live on in the countless lives he touched with his kindness, wisdom, and love.

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