



## Richard A. Hesby

December 8, 1937 - January 1, 2014

Richard Arden Hesby, DDS, MSD, age 76, Estero, FL, passed away on January 1, 2014 in the comfort of his home. He was born on December 8, 1937 in Volga, SD to Ernest K. and Eleanor (Peterson) Hesby and grew up in Lake Preston, SD. Dick attended Northwestern University Dental School where he met his wife Joyce. Following graduation in 1961, Dick served in the US Navy Dental Corps for 23 years, which included tours with the VAW-11 Early Warning Squadron and onboard the aircraft carrier USS Bennington (CVS-20) during the Vietnam War. In 1971, he completed his specialty training in Prosthodontics at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. His final tour in the Navy was as Professor & Chairman of the Prosthodontic Department and as Program Director of the Prosthodontics Residency Training Program at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, MD.

After retiring from the Navy in 1984 as a Captain, he continued his passion for teaching as Chairman of the Department of Fixed Prosthodontics at Northwestern University Dental School. In 1990 he became Chairman and Professor of Prosthodontics and Biomaterials at the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey where he continued to teach and practice dentistry until his retirement in 2004. Dick also served as a Board Examiner and Consultant for the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics; a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists; a Fellow of the American College of Dentists; a

Fellow of the International College of Dentists; a Fellow of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics; and a Fellow of the Academy of Osseointegration. Dick and Joyce have resided in Estero, FL since 2007.

Dick took great pride in his work and was a well-respected educator and mentor to many dentists over his career. His friendly and approachable demeanor made him a popular and admired instructor among his students and colleagues, many of whom have stayed connected with Dick over the years.

His career took him to many interesting places across the country, but he was always very proud of his small-town, South Dakota roots as well as his Norwegian and Danish heritage.

Dick enjoyed working with his hands and had a great appreciation for the fine detail and artistry of netsuke and scrimshaw, which he collected over the years.

He was a beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather and will truly be missed.

He is preceded in death by his father Ernest K. Hesby and mother Eleanor M. Hesby.

Dick is survived by his wife Joyce; three sons: Richard (Nancy) of Nashua, NH, Jon (Kristen) of Winnetka, IL and James (Lynn) of Chicago, IL; five grandchildren: Nola, Molly, Alexander, Emily and Caroline; and his brother Donald (Debra) Hesby of Virginia Beach, VA.

Visitation will be at 10:00 AM followed by a memorial service at 11:00 AM at the Shikany Funeral Home of Bonita Springs on January 11, 2014.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to: First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, 9751 Bonita Beach Rd., Bonita Springs, FL 34135 or Special Operations Warrior Foundation, P.O. Box 89367, Tampa, FL 33689.

Interment will be held with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA at a future date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
(239) 992-4982  
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard A. Hesby*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear Joyce and family,*

*We were so sorry to hear about Dick's passing. He was a very special mentor and, more importantly, a very special friend. We will truly miss him and our condolences to the family. Love to you all,*

*Joe and Nana Innes*

Joseph Innes - January 18, 2014 at 12:11 AM



“ *Rich, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family at this time of great loss. I really wish that I could have met and known your Dad. I'm sure that I would have liked him. Treasure all the good memories of him. "Pete" & Carroll*

"Pete" & Carroll Eagles - January 15, 2014 at 08:12 PM



“ *Rich, I am so sorry to have just heard about your father!! He was a great man and mentor to me at Northwestern! Maria Papich-Forsyth*

Maria Papich-Forsyth - January 15, 2014 at 11:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard A. Hesby.*



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January 09, 2014 at 12:39 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**nancy** - January 04, 2014 at 07:57 PM