



## Richard G. "Dick" Lassy

January 5, 1933 - May 3, 2025

Richard G. "Dick" Lassy, 92, of Sanibel, FL, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at HealthPark Medical Center. Formerly of Sherborn, MA and Sagamore Beach, MA, Dick was a longtime seasonal resident of Cape Cod and Sanibel before making Sanibel his permanent home in 2019. He was a kind and dedicated husband, father and grandfather and exercised his intellectual curiosity until his last days.

Born on January 5, 1933, in Derby, CT, he was the son of the late Gustav and Helen (Becker) Lassy. Dick graduated from Shelton High School in 1951 where he earned honors as a scholastic athlete. Dick went on to earn a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Michigan in 1956, where he was a proud member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. His passion for his alma mater and Michigan football led to many rounds of "Hail to the Victors" sung in the Lassy household over the years.

Dick had a long and successful career in engineering and industrial sales. He began at Sikorsky Aircraft (1957–1962), then worked at Bristol Co. in Watertown, CT (1962–1966), Alnor Instrument Co. in Skokie, IL (1966–1972), and Fenwal, Inc. in Ashland, MA (1972–1991). He retired as a project manager from Shea Industrial Sales, where he was admired for his leadership and technical knowledge.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Dick was a passionate gardener, known for his extensive and meticulously maintained vegetable garden and countless hours in the yard. He also enjoyed running, downhill skiing, sailing, and playing tennis—pursuits that reflected his love of the outdoors and active lifestyle.

Dick is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Mary “Mollie” (Speidel) Lassy; two loving daughters, Melinda (with Chris) Smith of Stonington, CT, and Carolyn (with Albert) Bessey of Suwanee, GA; five cherished grandchildren, Kyra (with Mark) Handley, Madeline Bessey, Olivia Smith, Julia Bessey, and Harrison Smith; and one great grandchild, Ella Handley.

A celebration of life and burial will be planned in Massachusetts and details will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Dick's name may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 or to the Alzheimer's Association, PO Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

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“ Mollie, Melinda and Carolyn, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of “Uncle Dick”. I have such great memories of him sailing on Lake Winnepesaukee in NH during our many summer trips at the Lighthouse Cottages. What a wonderful, full life he led. Keeping you all in my prayers.

*Diana Romano Chevrette*

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