



# Richard "Dick" T. Keck

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### **R**ichard (Dick) T. Keck A Dutchman who thrived in Lewes

Dick was born in Nazareth, PA on July 24th, 1945, to Wayne and Lorraine Keck. Dick had a wonderful childhood and enjoyed many activities that planted seeds for passions in his adulthood. He was an Eagle Scout, loved nature, fishing, hunting, and art. Dick was an athlete throughout high school, playing football, tennis and wrestling. He was captain of the football team at Muhlenberg College, where he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree. After graduation, Dick married his first love and childhood sweetheart, Sandy Lichner. Dick and Sandy moved to Lewes, DE, as he was in grad school at the University of Delaware for Marine Biology. They quickly put down deep roots in Lewes and raised their two sons, David and Gregory.

In Lewes, Dick immersed himself in the local culture. He dearly loved waterfowling, saltwater fishing, golfing, gardening and socializing. Using his achievement of Eagle Scout, Dick was Cub Scout master for years. As his interest in the outdoors grew, and the boats got bigger and bigger, he started an offshore charter business called "The Dutchman". Dick's love for waterfowling also led him to be a world class, decorative decoy carver, and chairman of the Eastern Sussex Duck's Unlimited. Bethel United Methodist Church has been his church home for decades, where he faithfully served in many roles. Dick left being a marine biologist in the 1970's and followed in his dad's footsteps as a salesman for Fisher Scientific Company, where he worked until Sandy's passing in 2006.

After his dear wife, Sandy, passed, Dick married Maureen (Mike Brown) Keck. They enjoyed just a few years together before Mike passed away. Even though it was brief, Dick and Mike enjoyed traveling with Mike's family and Dick showed a lot of love to his two new grandchildren, Molly and Jake.

Being a stubborn Dutchman, Dick wasn't one to give up, so he married again, to Anne (Smith) Keck. Dick was a loving, devoted husband to Anne and a caring stepfather to her son, Russ. Anne



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and Dick cherished spending time with each other and entertaining family and friends. They enjoyed traveling to Costa Rica and spending time on the boat. Dick loved all of his dogs and especially Molly, his most recent lab.

Dick is survived by his wife, Anne / Sister, Kathy (Lynn Ratzell) Heller / Sons, David (Michelle) Keck and Gregory (Nancy) Keck / Grandchildren, Andrew (Sunity) Keck and Ellie Keck. Step Children, Russ Smith and Courtney (Rudy) Peksens and Step Grandchildren, Molly and Jake Peksens.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 3:00 PM at Bethel United Methodist Church, 129 West 4th Street, Lewes, DE 19958, where friends may visit beginning at 2:00 PM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations in Dick's memory to Bethel United Methodist Church, 129 W 4th St, Lewes, DE 19958, Ducks Unlimited, <https://donate.ducks.org/donateOnlineS>, or Jean and Joan Foundation with Tunnel Cancer Center, <https://www.beebehealthcare.org/>.

Please sign Dick's online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, BY 3PM, SATURDAY, AUGUST 5.



## Events

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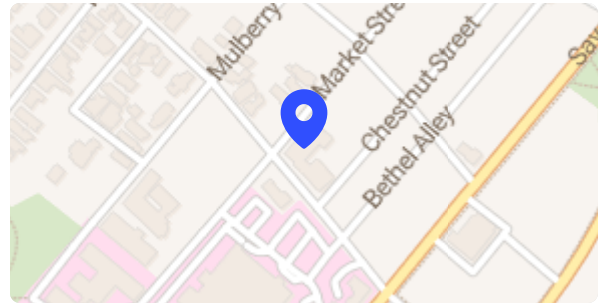
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### Visitation

 **Sunday**, August 6, 2023


 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Bethel United Methodist Church**  
129 West 4th Street, Lewes DE

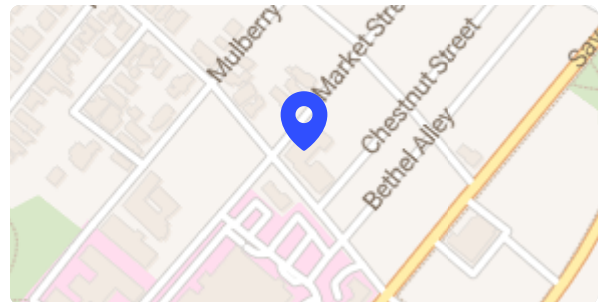


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**Kent Price** posted:

I so foundly remember Dick as I was growing up as a young boy in Lewes. My father and I had many a hunting and fishing trip with Dick. He to this day is "THE" most passionate fisherman I have ever met. I very quickly learned from Dick as a young man how to correctly fish for Bluefish, Marlin, Tuna and many other game fish. If I didn't quite get the approach on how to set the hook, play and retrieve the fish, Dick was quick to offer corrective coaching. So I learned very quickly how to fish all types of offshore fish. Dick was a bit calmer in the duck blind and goose pit and may have been that I was a bit better trained already on how to be a stealthy hunter and to not overly use my calls. I just so loved the passion Dick had for hunting and fishing. He was an amazing host, so kind and offering to my father and I to join him. He created so much of the passion I grew up with Hunting and Fishing that I still have to this day. Kent S. Price III >

August 31 at 2:32 PM



**Diana Riley** posted:

Anne, David, Greg, & all of Dick's family. I will always remember Dick by his genuine leadership & friendship at Bethel. Cherish all your wonderful memories & know God will carry you day by day. My sincerest sympathies & Blessings, Diana Riley

August 4 at 5:46 AM



**Mary Lou Warren** lit a candle in honor of Richard "Dick".

Anne- sending thoughts & prayers to you & Dick's sons & families. Always enjoyed seeing you guys in church. Asking God to bring you comfort & strength at this difficult time.

August 4 at 5:39 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Joyful Memory to the Keck family.

August 2 at 10:03 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Keck family.

August 2 at 9:58 AM





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**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard "Dick".

August 2 at 9:48 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Keck family.

August 2 at 9:48 AM



**Lisa Kelshaw** posted:

Anne I am so so sorry for your loss! I'm glad you and Duck were able to enjoy wonderful, full years together.

August 1 at 4:52 AM



**Cheryl Price Nelson** posted:

We are sending love and peace to your family. I remember your dad coming to a costume party at my parent's house. I was probably 4 or 5 and he had a stuffed fish on his fishing pole, which he took off and gave to me. He was such a kind and gentle soul. Cheryl Price Nelson and Mike Nelson

August 1 at 4:50 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Small Garden Dish to the Keck family.

August 1 at 3:13 AM



**Donna And Frank Pagano** posted:

Our deepest condolences on the loss of your father and grandfather. Sending prayers and hugs to all of you...God bless and comfort all of you. Donna and Frank Pagano Milton, DE

July 31 at 5:04 PM



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**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Keck family.



July 31 at 2:02 PM



**Charlotte Adkins Bastian** posted:

I have so many happy memories of Dick and his boys growing up in Lewes and in Bethel Church. He was an outstanding pillar in our church and a wonderful friend to Jim and me. David and my son Jay grew up together along with Greg and I send my love to them with a prayer for those memories to keep you strong. I was so happy to meet Anne and to see how happy Dick was with her place in the family. I wish you strength and peace in the days ahead. Love to all. Charlotte A Bastian

July 31 at 1:16 PM



**Sherri Meyers** posted:

With deepest sympathies at the passing of Uncle Dick from this life to life eternal--praying for peace, love, joy and blessings on his family as we celebrate the life of this great man. Love, Bob and Sherri Meyers and family

July 31 at 8:22 AM



**Pat Donovan** July 31 at 3:18 PM

I'm so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Offering up prayers, may you have memories for comfort and friends for support.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard "Dick" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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