



# Richard Satterlee Marks

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**R**ichard Satterlee Marks, age 88, of Milton, Delaware, passed away peacefully on August 14, 2025. Born on August 30, 1936, in Little Falls, New York, Richard was the beloved son of the late William and Helen Marks.

A proud veteran, devoted family man, and lifelong learner, Richard lived a life of service, dedication, and quiet accomplishment.

He graduated from Herkimer High School in 1954 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Lehigh University in 1958. He later received a Master's degree in Environmental Science from George Washington University, reflecting his deep commitment to education and scientific inquiry.

Richard served his country with honor for 21 years in the United States Air Force, including three tours in Vietnam. He was awarded seven Air Medals over the course of his service and completed his career with an assignment to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Upon retiring in May 1979, he was honored with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his distinguished contributions. He went on to work for 20 more years as a defense contracting consultant.

Beyond his professional achievements, Richard was a man of deep curiosity and craftsmanship. He was an aviation enthusiast and longtime volunteer with the AMC Museum, where he spent over 15 years as part of a restoration team that helped reconstruct a historic AC-47 aircraft that flew over France on D-Day. He also had a lifelong love of clocks and found joy and satisfaction in building them by hand, combining patience, precision, and artistry.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Kathy Marks; his daughter, Karen Louis; his son, Richard Marks Jr.; his sister, Shirley Bauerman; his stepdaughter, Bridgette Tanner; step-granddaughters, Natalie and Bailey Tanner; and granddaughter, Emma Louis Collins. He was predeceased by his parents, William and Helen Marks.

Richard will be remembered for his quiet strength, his devotion to family and country, and the



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thoughtful care he brought to everything he did—from military service to restoring aircraft to the intricate work of clockmaking.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, August 25, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, located at 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE. Visitation will take place from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., prior to the service.

Interment with military honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Richard's memory to two organizations that held special meaning to him:

Air Mobility Command (AMC) Museum 1301 Heritage Road, Dover AFB, DE 19902

<https://www.amcmuseum.org>

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105

<https://www.stjude.org>

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE : PLEASE HAVE ALL FLOWERS DELIVERED ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 2025, BY 3PM. TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.




# Events

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## Visitation

 **Monday**, August 25, 2025

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-  
Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



## Celebration of Life Service

 **Monday**, August 25, 2025

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-  
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16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958





## Tribute Wall

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**Mary L.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.

August 21 at 9:56 AM



**Mary Louise York** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Dick was a good friend who took such great interest in me and my family. He followed my brother's sailing exploits, he asked about my sister, my mother, my daughters, and he always wanted to know what my husband, Tom, was up to. I really enjoyed talking stocks with him, and he gave me a good tip that is paying off nicely. Thanks, Dick! I will miss our chats.

August 21 at 9:52 AM



**Tom York** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Dick and I shared many a deviled egg and a beer on our porch discussing all manner of topics. He especially liked talking about his restoration work at the AMC Museum and I was consistently amazed at the lengths to which he and his teammates went to find and install authentic parts. Although we served in different times, we did share a bond for time spent in the service. He was a true patriot and will be sorely missed.

August 20 at 11:03 AM



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

August 20 at 8:58 AM





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**Shirley Baerman** posted:

My favorite memory is when I was in, I think, fourth grade, and he came to my elementary school in full uniform with the hat and the medals and everything. My class was sitting in the library when he arrived; there were these great plate glass windows looking out toward the front door of the school so that we all saw him at once, like in a movie. For many kids he was the first soldier they had ever seen. I jumped up and pointed, "That's my uncle! That's my uncle! He fights Vietnam!" The librarian tried to hush me but all the other kids were rising to stare as well. There were murmurs: Paul's uncle, Paul's uncle. Vietnam. And then he came in and talked to us, and I was so proud I thought I would bust. He took questions too. I don't think I ever told him how important that moment was.

August 20 at 7:32 AM



**Your Sister, Shirley** sent a Rays of Light Spray to the Marks family.



August 19 at 2:19 PM



**Karen L.** sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Marks family.



August 19 at 8:09 AM



**Karen L.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.



August 19 at 8:09 AM



**Love You, "Me"** sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Marks family.



August 19 at 7:48 AM



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**Love You, "Me"** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.



August 19 at 7:48 AM



**Shirley Baerman** posted:

When I was nine and Dick was a toddler of three or four, we were out playing in the countryside on the hill behind our house in Herkimer, when we happened to run into a hornets' nest— and they started stinging us and tasting us, and I grabbed Dick and we ran home. He had a lot of stings but he was very brave, he didn't cry at all. That was my brother.

August 18 at 4:34 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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