



Richard "Dick" C. DuLaney

October 22, 1932 - December 14, 2020

Richard "Dick" "PoppaDu" DuLaney, age 88, passed away on Monday, December 14, 2020 following a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He was surrounded by family at his home in Bethany Beach, DE. He was born on October 22, 1932 in Washington, DC, son of the late George and Mary (Schlegel) DuLaney.

He attended St. John's College High School and was the starting right tackle on the football team that won the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship his senior year. Following high school, he attended Mt. Saint Mary's University and was subsequently drafted into the Army. After his stint in the military, Richard embarked on a long career as a cartographer, starting at the Census Bureau in Suitland, MD and moving on to NOAA in both Silver Spring and Rockville. During this time, Richard met, fell in love with, and eventually married Anne Dennin on July 28, 1956. They were together for 64 years and raised 10 children. Richard and Anne loved the beach. They spent countless vacations at Bethany Beach, DE with their ever-growing family, and following Richard's retirement, they sold their home in Upper Marlboro, MD and moved to Bethany Beach permanently. Their home in the Salt Pond, completed in 1994, quickly became the hub of their family's vacation activity, and every grandchild in their large family has fond memories of days on the beach with Nannan and PoppaDu.

Richard was a devout Catholic who attended the annual March for Life in Washington, DC for many years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and he also enjoyed spending time with the Men's Club of St. Ann's Parish in Bethany Beach. Richard absolutely loved football and closely followed the Notre Dame Fighting Irish and the Washington Redskins. He coached football at Holy Family in Hillcrest Heights, MD. He often reminisced about his playing days and he passed his passion for the game on to his sons.

He was also a train enthusiast. The large room above the garage in his home was affectionately known as "The Train Room" thanks to the elaborate model train display he created over the years. Richard's passion for sweets was also well known, specifically

cream filled donuts and ice cream, his morning and nightly rituals that he loved to share with others. If you were visiting PoppaDu, you knew that when 8pm rolled around, it was “ice cream time”! You also knew that just about any time was “picture time”! Richard was an avid photographer who loved his family and there was no occasion that he deemed too insignificant to photograph. If you ask one of his grandkids to describe a visit to Nannan and PoppaDu’s, every one of them will mention going to the beach, watching the trains, eating ice cream and getting their picture taken... a lot!

Richard was so appreciative of the close relationships that he had with family and friends. He was a kind, compassionate and caring man. The outpouring of support from friends and neighbors during Richard’s battle with Alzheimer’s has been extraordinary, and the social media posts from his adult grandchildren following his passing have sparked a lot of smiles and a lot of tears, and serve as a wonderful testament to the life he led and to the example he set for his family.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his twin brothers: Paul and George DuLaney; his sister, Margaret Biro, and his granddaughter, Melanie Ridgely. Richard is survived by his wife, Anne T. DuLaney of Bethany Beach, DE, as well as 10 children, 24 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and his constant companion and lapdog Carlie Sue; Cathi (Dave Wingate) of Silverthorne, CO and children Nikki (Neal Fritzler - Jackson) and Brian (Lindsay - Brooklyn, Miles and Weston); Danny (Betty) of Annapolis, MD and children Erik (Jessica -Trace) and Denny; Debbie (Carl Chambers) of Coatesville, IN and children Jessica (Josh Goodpastor - Griffin, Mason and Reese) and Cody; Patti (Jimi Magnole) of Cooper City, FL; Joan (Jim Ketchum) of Columbia, MD and children Matt (Bryn) and Darren; Beth (Joe Brinton) of Betterton, MD and children Jason (Hanna, Caleb, and Bailey Rae) and Samantha (Danny Walker - Londyn and Declan); Tim (Jennifer) of Stevensville, MD and children Paige (Reece Lauffer), Nathan and Natalie; Ruth (Will Ashbrook) of Corpus Christie, TX and children Travis (Kanyon, Brantley, Jagger and Jax), Melanie (Kylie and Carter), Aaron, Marissa, and Brenna; Anne Marie DuLaney of Pasadena, MD and children Jordan (Katrina) and Danielle; and Chrissy (Scott Dillard) of Kershaw, SC and children Kirk Jr., Jocelyn, Devin, Bryce, and Hailey.

Richard “PoppaDu” was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by all.

A celebration of his life is planned for 2021, once the threat of COVID-19 has passed.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

(<<https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/what-is-alzheimers>>).

Richard's family would like to say a special thank you to his neurologist, Dr. Lawrence Kemp who has been with them for this entire journey. His wisdom, compassion and tough love have been invaluable.

Please sign his online guest book at this site.

Comments



“ I am so grateful to have had time with my very handsome Uncle Dick during our visits to your warm and welcoming home in Bethany. He was always so kind, even running out to grab hoagies to feed us lunch. His train room brought back wonderful family memories and his Nativity will remain the best reflection of his faith and love for family. I am so sad to think he is really gone, but so happy he is free from this devastating Alzheimer's. He is now reborn into his heavenly family. God bless you all. Love, Mary Ruth

Mary Kinkin - December 27, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ Thank you Mary Ruth for your kind words. So thankful to have you in my life to reminisce & share some wonderful family memories. Again thank you for always reaching out to us!

CATHI WINGATE - December 27, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ I send my heartfelt sympathy to the entire DuLaney family. What wonderful memories I have of spending so much time with everyone in Roblee. More recently I was honored to sit with Mr. DuLaney while he shared touching stories of how he met and fell in love with his beautiful bride Ann. Thank you..and may you Rest In Peace With love and condolences, Maureen Crouse

Maureen Crouse - December 23, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ Thank you, love you Reenie!

Cathi - December 24, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ Joan,
So sorry to hear about your loss. May you find comfort in the warm memories of your dad. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Peter (Cushley)

Peter Cushley - December 21, 2020 at 08:15 AM



“ My deepest condolences and prayers on the loss of this warm, happy, friendly, loving and faithful human being. May he rest in peace.

Michael Murray

Michael Murray - December 19, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ Thank you for your kindness. Thank you for the example you set for my sons. Thank you for making me feel like a part of your family. I always knew I was welcome in your home, and I take comfort in knowing that you have been welcomed into God's home.

I couldn't have asked for a better father-in-law. Love you, PoppaDu. Jim

Jim Ketchum - December 18, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ Uncle Richard is resting gently now in the good Lord's arms. Our heartfelt sympathies to Aunt Anne and the DuLaney Children. His kind, gentle, fun loving spirit will be greatly missed by us all. He truly was a gentleman and a scholar. We can only imagine the heavenly reunion that occurred on Monday. God speed Uncle Dick!
Love, Uncle Rudy, Richard, Margie, Joanie & Donna Biro

Joanie Biro Rosati - December 18, 2020 at 01:36 AM



“ Our deepest condolences Tim, Cathi and all the family. Know that he is at peace with the Lord, no pain and sorrow.

Sincerely,
Johnny & Rhonda Corder

Johnny & Rhonda Corder - December 17, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ May he rest in God's Peace. He died at home with Mrs. DuLaney and family nearby. Love to all the family, Pat Keegan Grigsby

Pat Grigsby - December 16, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the entire family. Not only was he my father in law he was my friend of 37 years. 35 years of vacations together and great memories of visits over the years to time shares on the West Coast of Florida. The laughs and great our conversations will be truly missed. He'll remain in my heart for eternity. His soul will remain in the hearts of the ones he loved. Love you Dicky Du Jimi



Jimi Magnole - December 16, 2020 at 03:51 PM