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Lt. Col. Richard LeRoy McFarland, 75, died Sunday, December 10 after a brief but brave battle with brain cancer. Mr. McFarland was born in Cochranton, Pennsylvania to Henry Max and Joan McFarland who preceded him in death. He was the youngest of two children and is survived by his sister, Maxine Scott (Jerry) of Yalaha, Florida. He also leaves behind a wife of 47 years, Louise McFarland, and his three children Timothy (Lindsay), John (Sydney), and Annie (Phil). He is also survived by four grandchildren. Mr. McFarland was a proud veteran, having served tours of duty in Vietnam and Desert Storm. He suffered from the effects of exposure to Agent Orange as a result. He was known for his sense of humor, fondness of golf, and great love of his family; his children were his proudest accomplishment. A celebration of life will be held at Morrison United Methodist Church on Thursday, January 18th at 1:00pm. A special thanks to all of the gifted and supportive caregivers at the Tampa General ICU and the doctors who did everything they could. An additional service will be held in Rich's hometown of Cochranton, Pennsylvania later this spring. Services have been entrusted to Steverson Hamlin and Hilbish Funerals and Cremations. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family on the tribute wall.



Events

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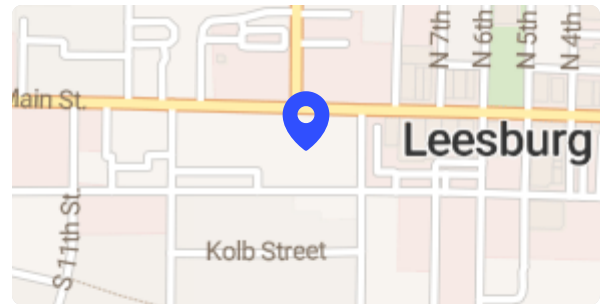
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Celebration of Life Memorial Service

 **Thursday**, January 18, 2018

 1:00 PM ET

 **Morrison United Methodist Church**
1005 West Main St., Leesburg FL





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AB

Anita Barratt posted:

Dear Louise and family, As Christmas came around, I was wondering why I had not heard from Louise. I always looked forward to hearing about your family since you left us in Michigan for sunny Florida, fishing, your lake property and golf!! am so very sorry to hear about Rich. I literally fell to my knees in tears as I read your letter. Rich was always so funny, warm and kind! He is surely going to be missed by many. I will try to follow up with Louise to your new address. Love and hugs to all of you and most especially my good, good friend, Louise! Love, Anita & Mike Barratt

January 28 at 3:34 PM

ES

Elliott And Sophia sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White to the McFarland family.



December 18 at 6:29 PM

GA

Gary & Jo Anderson posted:

Dear Louise and family, Please accept our sympathy from our family to yours. Dick was such a delightful person and we enjoyed your visits to Cochran. I'm sure he will be truly missed. From, Gary & Jo Anderson

December 18 at 11:26 AM



Anonymous sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the McFarland family.



December 17 at 3:55 AM

JO

John Oakes posted:

Dick was my Dad's best friend and an extended member of the Oakes family. He was there for all of us when my mother waged her own courageous battle with cancer, and I came to view him as an uncle - funny, kind, and paternal to all. Even though I only saw him on occasion, I always took comfort knowing he was there for us. I miss him. John Oakes (Howard's son)

December 15 at 9:28 AM



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TR

Teri Rose posted:

Dear Louise and kids, It is with great sadness and through tears that I try to convey the pain that this has caused my parents, my siblings and I. I loved that funny guy. Our parents and their classmates have such a special relationship and I have always tried to go visit anytime anyone of them was in town at "Hotel Rose". My father and Dick walked to and from school together for probably 10 years more or less. They had each other, not cell phones or video games. These two knuckleheads disappeared to the west coast (telling no one) while my dad was supposed to be in college at PSU Behrend. I am not sure where Dick should have been. There is a story about them washing the car in the Colorado River, I believe. I know for a fact that he will be greatly missed at all CHS Class of '59 happenings. I will miss hearing that he is at mom and dad's for a visit. I wish I could have played a round of golf with him. Much love, sympathy and prayers are being sent your way in this very difficult time. Love, Teri Rose "Bob And Sandra (Lambie) Rose's oldest"

December 15 at 5:56 AM

MR

Marvin Spatz, Col, US Army Retired posted:

Dear Louise, I was very sorry to hear of Rich's passing. Rich was on my staff in the 323rd Combat Support Hospital, in Southfield. He also was my Squibb Rep. at North Oakland Medical Centers. I came to know Rich very well and was at your house in Farmington Hills on two Christmas occasions. After you moved to Florida, I lost contact with him. He will be truly missed. It is sad to lose someone that you have known for many years. It is too bad that he suffered during his relatively short, but terminal illness. My sincere condolences go to you and your family. Marvin Spatz, COL, US Army Retired

December 14 at 6:03 PM



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GP

George Peck posted:

I first met Rich McFarland around 1988, while I was working as a Pharmacist at Pontiac General Hospital. Rich was our Bristol Myers (Squibb) Pharmaceutical Salesman and he was also a Pharmacist in the Army Reserve Medical Unit that was based at that hospital. Pharmaceutical salesmen are not usually someone that you look forward to see walk in your door, but Rich was the exception. He was always friendly, quick with a joke or story and was always welcome. I recall attending a few medical education conferences and dinners with Rich and Louise along with my wife at some of the better restaurants in Detroit, and I even recall a dinner cruise on the Detroit River that stands out in my memory. When Desert Storm was put into action, I recall that some of the members of their Army Reserve Medical unit were activated to backfill positions where active duty Pharmacists had been mobilized. Rich and some other Pharmacists ended up in Texas (Fort Sam Houston?) and several of them pooled their money and bought a used Cadillac with bull longhorns on the hood. I can picture Rich and that silly grin driving a Cadillac with horns! The McFarland "farm" in Farmington was a beautiful little sanctuary. My wife and I visited several times. I even bought their 1948 Ford tractor when they were downsizing and getting ready to move to Florida. I think of Rich when I am using it to plow out my driveway on days like today. I was blessed to have known Rich and I'm sorry that I didn't find the time to come see him in Florida. Rest well Gentle Warrior. George and Gayle Peck Howell, Michigan

December 14 at 5:56 AM

HO

Howard Oakes posted:

In the numerous decades I knew Dick not once did we argue. He will be greatly missed.

December 14 at 2:38 AM

MS

Maxine Scott posted:

When we were about 10 and 12, Dickie would take my phone calls from my girlfriends and not tell me. It took a while before my girlfriends and I figured it out. his voice hadn't changed yet so he got away with it for a while. Sister Mackie

December 13 at 5:33 PM



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SF

Sue Ferrari posted:

Rich, we have been so blessed to have you in our lives for all of these years. I know that you are with the angels now, but you were an angel to all of us. Aside from being a dear and thoughtful friend, you were a role model to our son. You epitomized the definition of a successful human being, always loving, brave and positive. Thank you for your friendship and support. Thanks for the fun lunch at Cowley's when I saw you last! Love from Tony and I, to you and your beautiful family?

December 13 at 5:16 PM

JT

Jack Taylor posted:

This is very hard for me because Richard was such good friend over the last 10 years. I first met Richard at a high school reunion in Cochranton Pa. where he and my wife Carolyn went to school. Richard had a dry sense of humor and immediately made you at ease. When Carolyn and I moved to Florida, Richard and I and Jim Patterson began to play a lot of golf together. He loved to play golf anytime anywhere. We will miss all the laughs we had. Every time I wanted to quit Richard would say something to make me come back out and play. I loved Richard and I will miss him more than anyone will know. Jack Taylor.

December 13 at 4:39 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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