



Richard Callier

February 17, 1931 - February 14, 2021

Richard “Dick” Callier died peacefully on February 14, 2021 in Wildwood, MO at the age of 89, three days before his 90th birthday.

Richard is survived by his five daughters, Christine (Greg) Jones, Karen Schaefer, Colleen “Debbie” Hardman, Darliene Callier, and Marianne “Charlie” (Mark) Emery.

He will be remembered by his nine grandchildren Richard (Jennifer) Schaefer, Bryan (Amy) Jones, Nathan (Amy) Barnhart, Jennifer (Jeffrey) Fillers, Kelly (Kirk) Latta, Jonathan (Ellen) Jones, Colin (Leslee) Hardman, Phillip Emery, and Taylor Emery and his 14 great-grandchildren, Grace, Avery, Elle, Peyton, Khloe, Maya, Jet, Charlotte, Kaiden, Leo, Amelia, Scottlyn, Maxwell and Berklee.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marianne (nee Cortopassi) (November, 2018), his parents Felix and Willie Callier; siblings Joseph Callier, Kay Henson, Scott Callier, and Jean Johnson; and son-in-law Dennis Schaefer.

Richard was born on February 17, 1931 in St. Louis, MO. In 1949 he graduated from McBride High School and married Marianne, the love of his life. After moving several times while working for Grolier Encyclopedia, he settled down in St. Louis and began working for the A. B. Dick, Company. He began his career as a salesman, eventually working his way up to President of the company before retiring from Datamax after 35 years.

Dick and Marianne enjoyed watching their 5 daughters grow up and begin their own families. Friday evening happy hours or a Sunday afternoon barbecue were regular events. His children remember him as a confident, loving father who encouraged them to pursue their goals.

Richard was passionate about travel and has visited most of the world. He loved gardening and working out in the yard with Marianne. They enjoyed watching the changing seasons from the porch swing or through the sunroom windows. He was well liked and respected by his family, friends and coworkers. He was an excellent listener and motivated many people. Richard’s positive attitude never went unnoticed, which was exemplified by his favorite saying, “I’m alive, alert, awake, joyous and enthusiastic about life”.

A celebration of Richard’s life is scheduled for Sunday, May 2, 2021 from 12-4 PM at

Brookdale Farms, in Eureka, Mo. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Richard's life. The family would like to thank the caregivers at Anthology of Wildwood for their efforts, care, and dedication.

Comments



“ Although I hadn't seen Dick in nearly a decade I could always feel his presence in my life. Nearly every day of my career I thought of and usually passed on a “Callierism” to those I worked with (professionally and casually) and managed. Other than my own father, no one influenced me more than Dick. He gave so many, including myself, the chance to be all we could be! He gently guided us! He allowed us to subtly learn. His proverbial teaching style included such guidance as, “if you think education is expensive try ignorance.” ...Memorable and meaningful! His leadership was exemplary and served as a model for so many of his willing students.

Personally, he took me under his wing and taught me so very much. He trusted me when others were unsure and he always allowed me to “learn forward”. He taught me to draw a line between work and home. And most importantly he showed all of us how to love his family. I will always have the image of him pulling onto the upper parking lot of A.B.Dick in his signature Lincoln Towncar, getting out and stretching to his full height before purposefully marching in to happily greet me with “Good morning sunshine!”

Through the years I have discovered that true greatness is humble. True greatness is hard to see in the moment but later shines the brightest of all. Dick Callier was great in so many ways and often unseen in the background blocked by so many others shouting for undeserved attention. His star always shined through to me and I pray it will until the end of my days here on earth. I hope I meet him again and have him greet me with “Good morning sunshine” one more time.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless!

Carl Bergauer

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