



## Richard M. Dudley

November 27, 1939 - September 4, 2025

Richard M. Dudley, 85, of Lake Forest, Illinois passed away on September 4, 2025.

Richard was born in Evanston, Illinois to loving parents, Michael R. and Irene P. Dudley. His life was a testament to his dedication to his family, his country, and his profession.

Richard, known affectionately as “Dick” by his friends and family, graduated from New Trier High School before earning a bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois. He cherished his time at Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Upon graduation from Officer Candidate School in 1962, Ensign Dudley spent active duty on the USS Kitty Hawk aircraft carrier. He continued in the Navy Reserves as Executive Officer to Naval Air Intelligence and retired as a Commander in 1982. His service in the Navy marked his deep sense of duty and pride for his country.

After leaving active duty he started his career in healthcare publishing, where we worked for McGraw Hill, American Hospital Association, and Healthcare Financial Management Association. His 45-year tenure in the industry was characterized by the same dedication and excellence that defined his military service. He retired in 2009, leaving behind a legacy of significant contributions

to the field.

Dick was an avid sports fan, particularly loving his Chicago Bears, Fighting Illini, and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. He also loved playing golf with his friends and fishing in Canada every time he could get there. He was often seen surveying the neighborhood walking the dogs with a cigar in one hand and a Manhattan in the other.

He was the beloved husband to Celynda "Cindy" Dudley and together shared 49 years together. Richard cherished the time spent with his family. Father to his children, Mark (Anne) Dudley, Allison (Chuck) Corder, and Michael Chase (Sandy) Dudley. Grandfather to Grace, Caroline, Charlie, Samantha, Julia, Lydia, and Mikey. Brother to Ken (Pat) Dudley.

Those who knew Dick will remember him for his quick wit, sense of humor, and his ability to bring laughter to any room.

Dick's legacy is one of love, laughter, and service. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him, and his memory will continue to inspire those he leaves behind.

A graveside service will be held at 2pm on Friday, October 3, 2025, at Fort Sheridan National Cemetery, Vattman Road, Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to honor Dick may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation at [www.t2t.org](http://www.t2t.org).

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest at (847) 234-9649 or [www.RTfunerals.com](http://www.RTfunerals.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Sheridan National Cemetery

Vattman Road  
Fort Sheridan, IL 60037

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Dick was one of my husband, John’s, cigar smoking buddies. He had a zany wit that left you in stitches. Dick and John shared a love of golf, military service to our country and Lake County, Illinois. That’s where I grew up and Dick knew my cousin, Steve. Dick also had a very compassionate heart. When my husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease, Dick made sure to pick John up and he spent quality time with him whenever he was in Arizona. The bottom line is Dick truly cared. Cindy, he will truly be missed and John and I are truly saddened by his passing. God bless him and all of you. The Chernoski Family

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**Mary A. Chernoski** - September 22, 2025 at 04:36 PM

GM

“ Dick and son spent many trips fishing at our resort in Canada. It was always a pleasure to have him here. RIP Dick .

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**Gail Munford** - September 09, 2025 at 04:58 PM

PH

“ I so enjoyed being with Dick a one of a kind guy true to form. We played a lot of golf together he played more golf than anyone I knew. And typically walked away with a few dollars. He and Cindy were always the life of our Lake Forest parties. I will miss him. Take care, Cindy Pete Hall.

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**Peter Hall** - September 08, 2025 at 10:32 PM

SP

*Dick was a real friend and a first class husband, father, grandfather and veteran who loved his country. When we had our Sunday morning coffee get-togethers, we would talk and laugh for hours. When Dick got that mischievous smile on his face, you knew another good story was on the way. RIP good friend. All our love and prayers to Cindy.  
Steve and Diane Paxton*

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**Steve and Diane Paxton** - September 11, 2025 at 03:54 PM