



Richard L. McFeeters Sr.

March 12, 1922 - June 1, 2018

Richard Lee McFeeters Sr., A Master Chief Navy Veteran, Dies at 96

Richard Lee McFeeters Sr., Naval Master Chief Cryptologic Technician A 1944-1982, died of natural causes on June 1, 2018 at Brightview Assisted Living in Mount Laurel New Jersey. He was 96. A resident of Cinnaminson since 1960.

"He was tough," son Rich McFeeters Jr said. Richard McFeeters Sr is survived by his two sons Rich and John, their wives Laurie and Cynthia, and two grandchildren Erin and Kerry. He also had strong relationships with his family members of the Fleck, Lamont, Atchison, Ottenbreit and McFeeters families.

Born in Chester Hill PA, attending Philipsburg High School, Mr. McFeeters, known as Dick, Dad, Uncle Dick and Grandpa to many, was active during World War II and was in the Naval Reserves for the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

As a Cryptologic Technician he was responsible for analyzing encrypted electronic communications, jam enemy radar signals, decipher information in foreign languages and maintain state of the art equipment and networks used to generate top secret intel.

"We always thought he was a spy," Rich and John explained, "All we ever saw were pictures of him playing tennis in Puerto Rico."

During his time of service, he was awarded Good Conduct, Victory WW II, Reserve Special (3 Bronze), Naval Reserve, American Campaign, Armed Forces Reserve (Hour Glass), and National Defense.

"Our summer vacations were his two weeks of active duty each year," said son John, "We went to Bainbridge, Pensacola, Gettysburg..."

Following World War II, Richard Sr. married Dorothy Jean Lamont in 1960, moved to a new development in Cinnaminson NJ, and lived there ever since.

In sickness and health Richard Sr. took care of his wife who was diagnosed Multiple Sclerosis in the last 12 years of her life. "He took care of her basically himself for those twelve years," said Richard Jr.

Richard Sr. served as assistant Vice President of loans at the Fidelity Bank in Philadelphia for more than twenty years. "He used to walk us around at Christmas time and his boss would hand my brother and I a \$20 bill," said Richard Jr.

A philanthropist at heart Richard Sr. was active with the local Boy Scout Troops, donated to the Sierra Club, worked with Multiple Sclerosis organizations after his wife's passing, and was a health inspector for Cinnaminson Township. Throughout that time, he was a member of the Moshannon Masonic Lodge in Philipsburg PA, and as a 33rd degree member he exemplified immense leadership qualities and a desire to serve his community.

A gathering of family and friends will be Thursday 10 -11 a.m. at the Covenant Presbyterian Church 2618 New Albany Road Cinnaminson, NJ. His funeral service will follow at 11 a.m.

Interment, with Military Honors, will take place at Lakeview Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made National Multiple Sclerosis Society PO Box 4527 NY, NY 10163 nationalmssociety.org and /or Sierra Club sierraclub.org

Events

JUN 7 **Gathering of Family and Friends** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Covenant Presbyterian Church
2618 New Albany Rd, Cinnaminson, NJ, US, 08077-3451

JUN 7 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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JUN 7 **Burial** 12:00PM

Lakeview Memorial Park
1300 Route 130 North, Cinnaminson, NJ, US, 08077

JUN 7 **Military Honors** 12:15PM

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Comments



“ Our sympathies to the McFeeters family. We are so very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

The Kowalec Family

Marie Kowalec - June 06, 2018 at 04:58 PM



“ He was my brother in laws Dad and my nieces Grandpop. I loved hearing his amazing accomplishments in his lifetime. A man who showed what true love and dedication was to his beautiful wife, Jean. May you celebrate this wonderful man of great integrity that I was fortunate enough to know.

With love,
Colleen Skillman

colleen Skillman - June 06, 2018 at 10:00 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard L. McFeeters Sr..



June 06, 2018 at 09:56 AM



“ Our deepest condolencesto the entire McFeeters family! Dick was a great part of our memories since being such an integral part of your wedding down to joining us every thanksgiving and Christmas since he lost his beloved Jean! He was always fun to be around and he will be missed by all who knew him and loved him!

Marty and Loretta McMahon - June 06, 2018 at 09:05 AM



“ Although I only met Dick once, I must say that knowing his son Rich is a tribute to what a great person he was. Sending prayers to the McFetters family.

Kae Devlin

Kathryn E Devlin - June 04, 2018 at 06:29 PM



“ Our condolences to Rich and his family. Dick was a great guy, always a joy to be around. Rich is a spitting image of the gentlemen his Dad was, we'll miss him.

Tim McMahon - June 04, 2018 at 06:09 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Erin McFeeters - June 03, 2018 at 06:43 PM



“ So honored to have been with him even for a short time. He raised 2 wonderful sons who are a living tribute to a life well lived. Rest easy, Mr McFeeters.

Maria Damico - June 02, 2018 at 05:23 PM



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Erin McFeeters - June 02, 2018 at 03:25 PM



“ I was fortunate enough to be included in the wedding of Rich McFeeters to my best friend, Laurie McMahon. I will never forget the true love and devotion that Richard Sr had for his beloved wife. He sat at her bedside holding her hand as the entire wedding party gathered into her room after the ceremony. She was just too ill to attend. I remember thinking that his pure love and unselfish commitment represented the true meaning of marriage.

Lisa Tighue - June 02, 2018 at 02:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard L. McFeeters Sr..



June 02, 2018 at 02:42 PM