



Mr. Richard Anthony LaCourse Jr.

September 15, 1947 - January 25, 2021

Richard Anthony LaCourse Jr. passed away peacefully on January 25, 2021 at the age of 73. Family and friends may call at Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home in Baltimore on Saturday, January 30th from 3pm until 6pm. A formal service will follow later this year at Arlington National Cemetery.

Richard is survived by his son Brian LaCourse and his wife Amanda; longtime partner Genevieve "Jen" Welsh and her sons Kevin and Ken; sisters Bonnie Bena and Susan Ballwanz and her husband Karl. He was predeceased by his son Stephen LaCourse.

Richard is also survived by several nieces and nephews: niece Barbara McLean and her husband David; niece Karyn Bena; niece Kristin Otto; nephew Michael Otto and his wife Ashley.

Richard was born on September 15, 1947 in Baltimore, MD and was raised by his mother and father, the late Richard Sr. and Ruth LaCourse in the Govans neighborhood. He was a high school graduate of Baltimore City College in 1965.

Richard went on to join the Navy and served from 1967-1969 on the USS O'Hare, which allowed him to see the world. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal for serving during the Vietnam War.

After his time in the service, Richard married Nancy Burck in October 1971. The couple had two sons, Stephen and Brian, before separating.

Richard worked in the payroll department at BGE for nearly 40 years before retiring. He met his longtime partner Jen Welsh on the job in the late 1980s, and the two lived happily together until his passing.

As the unofficial family photographer, Richard was always the man with the camera at any event or on any vacation. He enjoyed watching and talking about his beloved Ravens with his son Brian. Richard loved traveling with Jen and the rest of his family. He was an animal lover who also enjoyed growing many types of plants and flowers, grilling steaks and other goodies, tending to his koi pond, and making his famous sauerkraut and pork for family Christmas gatherings. Richard's favorite activity was having good conversations with family and friends about anything and everything.

If you would like to make a donation in honor of Richard's life, he would have appreciated contributions to the Alzheimers Association of America, Shriners Hospitals for Children, or the Maryland SPCA.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, VA 22211

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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