



Richard "Dick" Garber

October 8, 1924 - December 27, 2011

Richard L. Garber

Racine – Richard L. “Dick” Garber, 87, passed away on Tuesday December 27, 2011. Dick was born on October 8, 1924 the son of the late William Earl and Hazel Lenore (nee: Gantenbein) Garber in Trempealeau, WI. He was united in marriage to Marcia J. Due in Racine on August 11, 1951, who preceded him in death on May 22, 2003.

Dick received his electrical Engineering Degree from University of Wisconsin. While attending college he enjoyed playing cornet with the University Wisconsin Marching Band. Dick served in the United States Army during World War II.

He was a longtime member of Trinity United Methodist Church, serving in many capacities through the years. Dick retired from Wisconsin Electric Power Company, where he was a Lighting Engineer for forty-one years. He had been a member and was the National Membership Chairman for the Illuminating Engineering Society. Dick was known as an avid Birder and was a past president of the Hoy Nature Society. Dick and his wife Marcia enjoyed spending time together, birding, gardening and especially traveling which included several cruises, Elderhostel Trips and trips to foreign countries. Dick is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Richard Strash of Pleasant Prairie, son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Kim Garber of Lodi, WI, four grandchildren, Robert, Carolyn, and Allison Strash and Bryan (Jessica) Morel, and two great granddaughters, Dylin and Amy Morel . He is further

survived by one brother, Robert Earl Garber of Prescott, WI, also several cousins, other relatives and dear friends. Dick was preceded in death by oldest brother, Donald and sister-in-law, Lorraine Garber. .

Funeral service will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 3825 Erie St. at 11:30 a.m. Thursday December 29, 2011. Visitation will be held at church on Thursday from 10 a.m. until service time.

Dick will be laid to rest at Graceland cemetery following services.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Dick in a special way may direct memorials to Dick's favorite charity, Maya Works or to Trinity United Methodist Church.

The Garber family takes this opportunity to express their appreciation to Hospice Alliance, who provided wonderful care in this stage of Dick's life, as well as the staff at Ridgewood Care Center for their thorough and attentive care and gentle manner shown to our Dad.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 29. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
3825 Erie Street
Racine, WI

Funeral Service

DEC 29. 11:30 AM (CT)

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3825 Erie Street
Racine, WI

Tribute Wall

DF

“ I worked with Dick (or Garbie as we called him) at the Kenosha Service Center. What a delightful man! I did all of his typing and he would sign all of his draft letters with a celebrity name, any name other than his own. He adored his Marcia. We stayed in touch through Christmas cards until he moved to Lodi. You will be missed, Garbie!

Dori Petersen Farrell - January 03, 2012 at 12:44 AM

JS

“ Jim and I worked with Dick at the Electric Company. He was a wonderful person and a fine gentleman. I remember his generosity, he brought scraves and hankies back from his trips overseas for us ladies at the Burlington Service Center. He had a wonderful sense of humor that was displayed with slides about retirement. He talked about the person's new retirement home and showed a broken down cabin. He did the same about the "new" boat that the retiree was going to buy and the slide would show a junkie, leaking boat. He was very pleasant and so knowledgeable that it was a pleasure to work with him. We appreciated his good character and his honest hard working ways.

James and Jo Spangler - December 30, 2011 at 06:10 PM

VC

“ Dick was the consummate gentleman. I so much enjoyed getting to know him in his role as support group leader of the Racine Parkinson's Support Group. He was a kind, gracious, generous and loving man. Vicki Conte

Vicki Conte - December 29, 2011 at 09:43 AM