



Richard G. Shaffer

1934-2012

Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

Born July 27, 1934, Canton, Ohio, his first loves were his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and Barbara, his wife of 55 years, and his three sons, Richard, Russell and Robert, their wives, and his nine grandchildren. Dick was the son of Lee and Katherine Shaffer, and brother of Lee, Jr. All pre-deceased him. He was a high school class president, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and obtained his DDS from Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry.

In 1960, he began a distinguished career in the U.S. Navy as an intern at Portsmouth, VA, and by 1984 rose to Rear Admiral and Chief Navy Dental Corps. He and Barb loved the Navy and the countless lifelong friends they made. He retired in 1989. After the Navy, there were “10 fantastic years” with the ICD, and McLean Bible Church became his cherished church home. Following this retirement, he filled 13 yrs with volunteering where ever the need, including with the Red Cross at Bethesda Naval Hospital, where he had been commander at the end of his Naval career.

Most of all he loved spending time with his grandkids and as much time as possible at Little Point Sable in Mich. “Bop”, as his family called him, was a leader all of his life, first to his family and then to the many organizations and people in them. He was characterized by untiring energy, enthusiasm, and a gift of communicating and mentoring. In lieu of flowers, Dick asked that donations be made to Jill’s House (ref: jillshouse.org), or to ICD, USA Foundation or to Hospice of Maryland.

A celebration of his life and worship of the Lord Jesus was held at McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182 on Saturday, Aug 4 at 11AM. Interment at Arlington Nat’l Cemetery will be at future date, to be announced