



Richard Carleton Donovan

August 15, 1934 - February 21, 2018

Richard Carleton Donovan, 83, died February 21, 2018 at the Pomerado Hospital in Poway, CA, following a stroke and pneumonia.

He leaves his wife of 56 years, Mary Alice Donovan; his brother Michael; his five children: Diane (Bob) Brockob, Joanne (Dave) Deaton, Karen Donovan, Daniel Donovan and Sean (Inez) Donovan; fourteen grandchildren; one great grandson; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Born in Nyaung Hla-Yenangyaung, Burma August 15, 1934, and raised in Long Beach, CA, he attended Wilson High School, graduating in 1952. After graduating from CSU Long Beach in 1955 with a BA in Physical Education, he enlisted in the US Army, serving in Korea until 1957. A second stint at CSU Long Beach brought him to his lifelong occupation as an accountant. He graduated from CSU San Jose (BA with Honors) in accounting in 1967.

He met his wife, Mary Alice, at the Ave Maria Club in Long Beach, and they were married in 1961. Richard worked as an accountant and controller for Ameron International Corp. for 34 years, beginning in Southgate, CA, later transferring to Honolulu, HI, later to Fremont, CA, and back to Southgate. He left the company in 1993 to help with his wife's travel business, Donovan Travel, and to spend more time traveling the world with her. Richard was an excellent pianist and loved playing for his family and friends. He also loved baseball and was on the Long Beach State baseball team during their very first season in 1954. He even scored the team's first run. He was an avid golfer and made five holes-in-one in his lifetime, a remarkable achievement. Richard was also a dedicated community member who was very active in the Cerritos Optimist Club for more than 30 years. Richard's Catholic faith was an integral part of his life, as his commitment to daily communion for many years proved.

The Funeral Mass will be held Friday, March 2, 11 AM at Resurrection Church, 1445 Conway Dr., Escondido, CA 92027. Rosary to precede the Mass at 10:30 AM. Reception immediately following the Mass at the Parish Reception Hall. He will be interred at Miramar National Cemetery in a private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, please offer a Mass for the repose of his soul from one of these sites: <http://bit.ly/2ozdgOu> or <http://bit.ly/2oz6sjl>

Cemetery

Miramar National Cemetery

5795 Nobel Drive

San Diego, CA, 92122

Events

MAR **Rosary** 10:30AM

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Church of the Resurrection

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MAR **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ For some reason today Richard came into my thoughts. He and Mary hired me almost 18 yrs ago as my first agent job. I felt as if part of their family and enjoyed talking and working with Richard. Such sadness to find of his passing my deepest condolences to Mary and the family. Dick was a GREAT man.



Jana Martinez - April 04, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ Richard ~ Patriarch of the Dynamic Donovan Clan. Who took me in as one of their own, when I became friends with his beautiful and kind daughters Diane and Karen Donovan. I recall so much love from Richard for his family. I grinned looking at photos of he and Mary Alice traveling the world together, experiencing adventure, golf, culture, music - drinking it all in. Showing us how to do it. Farewell, dear Richard. You have imprinted goodness in our hearts. I embrace you Mary Alice ~ you and Diane, Karen, Jack, and all the Donovan family. Always, Joanne Marie

Joanne Marie - March 03, 2018 at 10:36 AM