



Mr. Richard "Dick" Monroe Paul

August 29, 1925 - February 27, 2021

Mr. Richard (Dick) M. Paul, age 95, of Dalton, MA passed away on February 27, 2021 at Baystate Medical Center following a short illness. Prior to his passing, Richard wrote his own obituary.

Dick was born on August 29, 1925 in Glen Ridge, New Jersey. He was the son of Clarence and Adlien Paul of Upper Montclair, New Jersey. He graduated from Montclair High School, Montclair, NJ in 1943.

After graduation, at 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Upon completion of boot camp in Newport, R.I. he was sent to Quartermaster School. Upon completing the program, he volunteered for the U.S. Navy submarine service and was sent to New London, CT. He was qualified in submarines in 1944 and served in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters. He was a lifelong member of the submarine Holland Club. Dick received the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Unit Citation and Victory Medal.

A week after his honorable discharge from the Navy, he enrolled in Rutgers College of Pharmacy, Rutgers University. Being married with a child and going to college, it took him over six years to receive his Bachelor's of Science degree. Upon graduation, he went to work and at the same time began studying for his Master's at Rutgers, Seton Hall and Fairleigh-Dickinson Universities. While going to college he worked for American Chicle Co. Upon graduation with this Bachelor's degree he went to work with Bristol Laboratories and then joined Parke Davis Pharmaceutical Co., where he enjoyed a 28 year career. After working 18 years in NJ, he was transferred to

the Berkshires where he was put in charge of sales for Western MA, Southwestern VT, Upper Eastern part of NY and portions of Western CT. Upon retiring from Parke Davis, Dick became the Coach of Pittsfield High School's Tennis Team. His team was undefeated for four years. He also resumed his studies at Williams College and North Adams State College. He coached minor league baseball and he would attend his children's sports activities, church events and was always there for them. His work in New England required that he traveled every other week on business. Anne was a great substitute coach.

Although a pharmacist, Dick did not like retail work. He watched his father work 12-14 hour days at his drug store. So, he went to work for the pharmaceutical companies instead.

Dick was involved in athletics most of his life. He excelled in baseball, tennis, and bowling. He was ranked 21 in New England for his age bracket while playing in the NELTA Senior Circuit. He was going to pursue a career in baseball but chose to go to college instead as he considered that more important. He was an amateur Geologist traveling across the country in search of mineral specimens and got a lot of joy out of his collection and showing it to others.

While living in NJ, Dick was a volunteer fireman and a special police officer. He would work all day, then become a policeman at night patrolling a 32 sq. mile area in Chester Township, NJ.

As a member of Zion's Lutheran Church, Dick served as head usher, Sunday School teacher, sang in the choir and played his trumpet for holiday services. He was Cubmaster of Pack 10 and then Scoutmaster of Troop 10. He served on the Church Council where he volunteered as secretary and treasurer of the church. He later became a member of the United Methodist Church of Lenox. He served on the Ad Council, the Trustees and Finance Committee, was a Scripture Reader and Communion Assistant and sang and played trumpet in the Gospel Band.

Dick was a longtime member of The Eagles Community Band. He was Band

Manager for years, served on the Eagles Board as secretary, past president, and chairman. He scheduled performances, secured grants, was the liaison with the First United Methodist Church of Pittsfield, and lastly was the Treasurer of the Band. Dick was a volunteers' volunteer. He would volunteer for almost anything that came up.

He played trumpet in the concert band, the marching band, the brass group and the stage band. He headed up the scholarship committee that gives out scholarships to high school seniors in Berkshire County. Dick also played trumpet in the MCLA Community Band, Stockbridge Sinfonia, the Pittsfield Music School Synkrony, a Dixieland Band, the Melha Shriners Military Band and German Band. While in the Navy, Dick was a passenger on an aircraft carrier that took him to the Philippines to pick up a submarine. The ship's bugler became ill and he took over his duties and became the ship's bugler for the rest of the voyage. Dick also played trumpet on the USS Anhedon on his way home from the Philippines after the war was over.

He was a member of Melha Shriners, Mason's Mystic Lodge, Sons of the American Revolution, American Legion Post 68, Berkshire Shrine Club, International Trumpet Guild, the Berkshire Museum, the Colonial Theater and Berkshire Music School.

He was married for 55 years to Anne Adams Paul who predeceased him on February 16, 2013. He is survived by his daughter Robyn Huban (Martin) of Dalton. He also leaves three sons: Richard Jr.(Kim) of Bradenton, FL, John (Lisa) of Carrollton, VA, and James(Tina) of Cartersville, GA. He is survived by 8 grandchildren: Jaclyn, Lauryn, Kevin, Richard III, Corrie, Jason, John and Jordan and 5 great grandchildren. Dick also leaves behind his sister Doris Anderson of New Jersey. In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by his two brothers, Wesley and Norman.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Richard (Dick) M. Paul will be private. A live webcast of the service will be available on Saturday, March 6, 2021, at 10 a.m. To view

the service, please visit <http://www.dwyerfuneral.com/obituaries/permalink/9864860/LTWebcast> . Burial with full military honors will follow at Pittsfield Cemetery. A recording of the honors will be uploaded and available for viewing later that day. A celebration of Dick's life will be held at a later date, when Covid restrictions are lifted and all are able to safely gather. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dick's memory may be made to the The Eagles Band, Inc. PO Box 1946 Pittsfield MA 01202-1946.

Cemetery Details

Pittsfield Cemetery

203 Wahconah St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall



“ Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Monroe Paul



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - March 06, 2021 at 09:41 AM

EA

Nice touch with the Eagles music. Farewell Dick 🎵🎸

eagles - March 06, 2021 at 11:46 AM

TR

Thank you to the family of Dick Paul for sharing his service with us all. As an Eagles Band Member, Dick meant so much to us. Being able to view his service helps bring closure to each of us who loved and played with him for so many years.

Tari Roosa, flute

Tari Wheeler Roosa - March 06, 2021 at 08:11 PM

KR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Karen Rutschmann - March 06, 2021 at 05:38 PM

BS

“ I was sorry to hear of my friend Dick's passing. For the twelve years that I was the principal conductor of the Eagles I had the privilege of working alongside a person who was dedicated to the success of the band that he loved. No task was too small for Dick to throw himself into with enthusiasm and hard work.

Originally from opposite ends of the political spectrum we have in recent years found more on which to agree than disagree. We were always cordial and respectful, and both of us, as patriotic Americans, never let politics interfere with our friendship or our love of country,

May his memory always be a blessing,

Bob Salzman

Bob Salzman - March 06, 2021 at 05:35 PM

SR

I am a granddaughter who never got to know him. There are a number of parallels of his life in mine, eerie. Wish I could have know him.

Sharron Ramey - November 22, 2023 at 05:44 PM

SB

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Dick. Dick was a mentor to my elementary band students. He was an amazing chaperone for my band trip to the Boston Symphony Orchestra. His wife was a bit concerned about Dick riding the school bus all the way to Boston but of course Dick was a trooper. I'll never forget the excitement of watching Dick sitting in the front row balcony in his very first concert at Symphony Hall. I'll forever be grateful for Dick's kindness and helping hand.

Senta Brodeur

Senta Brodeur - March 06, 2021 at 12:23 PM

EA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



eagles - March 06, 2021 at 11:47 AM

MV

“ *Dick encouraged me to join the Eagles Band in 2005 when we both were members of the MCLA Concert Band. The Eagles Band is a wonderful organization of dedicated musicians from all ages and walks of life, that simply enjoy the experience of playing their instrument. Dick was an anchor and inspiration as he performed beautifully and supported the band in its success. His contributions were countless and I will never forget his kindness to me and his never ending strength of support for the Eagles Band. God Bless you always, Dick!*

Marytheresa Valleri - March 06, 2021 at 11:20 AM

JP

“ *I would like to Thank Everyone for the beautiful things you all have said and sent about our Father. Reading the things that were said makes my heart feel warmer and very happy to know that he had wonderful friends in his life. Although it is very sad and hard that he has passed I feel that he is at peace and with my mother for which he really missed. Again, thank you all and may blessings be sent to my sister and brother and my father's sister our Aunt Dee whom we Love very dearly. John Paul*

John C. Paul - March 06, 2021 at 08:49 AM

TF

“ To express condolences and gratefulness for memories of kindness

Timothy Funk - March 06, 2021 at 06:00 AM

TM

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to all the Paul family and friends that will greatly miss Richard . What wonderful memories you must have of his long and active life. I hope those memories bring comfort & peace. Prayers at this difficult time. Love from Tina's Aunt Rita and Uncle Tony

Tony & Rita Milkey - March 05, 2021 at 12:46 PM

DA

“ Posted for Dee Paul Anderson:

"My heart is heavy with sorrow at the loss of your father, my brother. Let us remember to keep happy memories in our hearts so he will always be with us in spirit. Love, Aunt Dee"

Dee Paul Anderson - March 05, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard "Dick" Monroe Paul.



March 05, 2021 at 07:20 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard "Dick" Monroe Paul.*



March 04, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ *We had the absolute honor of working with Dick for Office Equipment for the Eagle Band. Dick was a true gentleman and while tough he was always very fair and extremely nice to all of us. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dick's family and friends.*
John Mac

john macfarlane - March 03, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences to all of you on the loss of your father. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Denny and Diane Koch

Diane Koch - March 03, 2021 at 10:48 AM

AP

“ Bill and I are deeply saddened to read that Dick passed away. He was a good friend to my Dad, Dick Carmel, playing trumpet side by side with him in the Eagles Band for many, many years. Reading his obituary, I now feel I only knew the “tip of the iceberg” about Dick. What a remarkable man he was. Please accept our heartfelt and deepest condolences to his family.



The trumpet section in Heaven is playing loudly today.

Alison and Bill Phillips

Alison Phillips - March 03, 2021 at 10:14 AM