



Richard Graf

June 26, 1934 - August 28, 2020

Richard L. Graf (1934 – 2020)

Richard L. “Dick” Graf, 86 of Columbus, Ohio died on August 28, 2020. He was born in Lancaster, Ohio on June 26, 1934 to Mary (Hoffer) and Leo Graf. He attended St. Charles, Aguinias, North High School and graduated from Central Evening School in 1953. He played freshman football at Ohio University in 1953 and enlisted in the Marine Corp in 1956. He played baseball in Japan and football in Okinawa for the Sukiran Streaks, 3rd Marine Regiment and was discharged in 1958.

He then married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Ries. In 1962 he graduated from Otterbein College and he received a Masters Degree in 1965 from Wittenberg University. He taught at East High School for 2 years, was a guidance counselor at Everett Middle School for 5 years and then found his passion as a truant officer at West High School, where he was for 25 years until he retired from Columbus City Schools.

He enjoyed many years of playing handball at the YMCA, socializing at McConnell’s Heart Health Center and coffee time at Wendy’s with friends. He also looked forward to spending time with his family in Hilton Head Island and watching his grandchildren play sports. He was known as the “CANDY MAN”, always carrying snack pack peanut M&M’s and giving them out to restaurant servers and others he met.

Dick is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Ries Graf of 61 years, daughter Karen (Dan) Hamilton, grandsons Jacob Richard, Matt (Mary), Ross (fiancée Sally), and granddaughter Katie, a niece and nephews and many friends from McConnell’s and Columbus Schools. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Carole (Tom) Sullivan, Marilee (Gene) Moriarty, and sister-in-law, Ann Ries (Frank) Teach.

A private service with the Marine Honor Guard was held at Union Cemetery on Saturday, September 5, with Chaplain Steve Rice officiating.

Contributions may be sent to the Capital City Hospice in his memory. Arrangements by Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com. Semper Fi.

Comments



“ Nancy, so sorry to hear of Richards passing, our deepest sympathies and condolences to you and your family.
Tim & Linda Teach

linda Teach - September 09 at 10:51 PM



“ Dear Nancy (and Family)
We were so sorry to read of Dick's passing and you are in our thoughts are prayers. We always enjoyed the friendly banter at breakfast.

Nancy, we know you have a heavy heart now but when things are "normal" again, you are welcome to join our table at any time at Bob Evans. Our deepest condolences.
Gaye, Joan and Karen

Karen Schuttenberg - September 07 at 01:45 PM



“ If there was one person everyone at West High School knew, it was Mr. Graf. Even though his reputation was that he was stern and tough, he showed that he cared about the students. Very sorry for this hard loss.

Amy Bullard, West High class of '81 - September 07 at 12:53 PM



“ I remember Mr Graf, though I did not have him as a teacher. My thoughts and prayers for you and your family's Graf.

Theresa M Fox West High Class of 76 - September 06 at 06:43 PM



“ Mrs Graf and family
Theresa M Fox West High Class of 76 - September 06 at 06:44 PM



“ ROGER USMC
IT CANNOT BE INHERITED NOR CAN IT EVER BE PURCHASED.
YOU AND NO ONE ALIVE CAN BUY IT FOR ANY PRICE.
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RENT AND CANNOT BE LENT.
YOU ALONE AND OUR OWN HAVE EARNED IT WITH YOUR SWEAT, BLOOD

AND LIVES.
YOU WON IT FOREVER.
THE TITLE
UNITED STATES MARINE
GO WITH GOD MY BROTHER
SEMPER FI

ROGER MALONE - September 06 at 02:18 PM



“ I owed Mr Graf more than he ever knew. I was so appreciative of him and had the upmost respect.
I quit school my senior year because of screwing up. I then joined the Military and was in for 7 1/2 months and got out. I wanted to go back to school and he helped me by coaching me on what to do.
He taught me to be persistent and to not give up if I really want it. I wanted it and continued my quest to go back to school...two weeks after school started I was able to get back in thanks to Mr Graf.
He taught us what respect was all about and how to earn it. What a saint he was!!!
Thank you Mr Graf for my life changing experience! ♀

Larry Cunningham Class of 1977 - September 06 at 01:39 PM



“ When I think of my 3 years at West High school (71-74) I think of "Mr. Graf." As a student I volunteered in the Attendance office all 3 years and as such, got to know Mr. Graf and I've never forgotten some of his methods for working with students who were less than stellar in their behavior. He was very patient but got his point across to students (and the occasional parent as well I believe!). I remember him phoning a boy once who he knew was home in bed and not sick - he dialed, heard it ringing, laid the phone down, went down to the cafeteria to get a cup of coffee and when he came back he hung up the phone and said to me, "he knows no one but me would call and let the phone ring that many times!" The boy arrived at school shortly after as I recall. My husband and I ran into Mr. G at K-Mart a few years ago and I recognized him immediately! He looked the same! He will no doubt be missed by many and I offer my sincere condolences to the family and friends.

MARY PRICE - September 06 at 12:50 PM



“ Sincere condolences to Karen and the entire family for the loss of their loved one.
Judy and Greg Duffy

Judy Duffy - September 06 at 09:23 AM



“ Dick and I had coffee together at the McConnell Heart Health Center in Columbus, Ohio for many years.

Deborah R Matthews - September 05 at 11:04 AM