



Richard J. Luckay

May 20, 1930 - July 21, 2021

Richard Joseph Luckay died July 21, 2021, Columbus, Ohio. He was born May 20, 1930 and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from Collingwood High School where he was student manager for multiple sports teams and elected president of his senior class. He received a degree in Communicative Arts from The Ohio State University in 1952, and was Woody Hayes' first senior student football manager in 1951. Major Luckay was a twenty-year U.S. Air Force Command Pilot with over six thousand hours of flying time, including 97 combat missions in SouthEast Asia. He served two years (1968-70) as Air Attache in Kabul, Afghanistan. He entered private business in 1974 and became president of a corporation he successfully transformed from bankruptcy to a multi-million dollar operation. Later, he became a Customer Service Representative for the U.S. Postal Service, generating ninety-five million dollars of postal revenue annually. Upon full retirement he taped books and hosted a Duty, Honor, Country program interviewing military personnel for the VOICEcorps reading service for the visually impaired. He was active with the SRO Poetry/Prose programs for many years. A 33rd Degree Mason, he was also awarded the Meritorious Service Award by the Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus. He wrote, directed and performed with the Valley's Players Club, traveling to Masonic Lodges throughout the Valley. For sixteen years he was Chairman of the Columbus Children's Dyslexia earning Center, directing its growth from one child in 1999 to helping over 10,000 children. The Center's name now adds --in Honor of Richard J. Luckay. He was a past Chairman of

the Aladdin Shrine Hospital Association for Children (ASHAC), past president of the Aladdin Shrine Ambassadors unit and was a member of the Aladdin Legion of Honor. He was past president of the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Air Force Association, Chapter 265, was a speaker for the Columbus Council on World Affairs and was an Elder of the Parkview Presbyterian Church. Predeceased by Fran, his first love and wife of over 50 years. Survived by his loving wife Sarah, son Dr. Kenneth Luckay (Melinda) and daughter Linda Luckay; step-daughter Heather Farina and step-son David Wurdlow (Sonal); grandson Ryan Luckay (Erin), granddaughters Lauren Rivercomb (Joseph) and Heather Luckay; and twin great-granddaughters AnnaLeigh and Julia Rvercomb. Visiting hour on Thursday, July 29, at Unity Presbyterian Church, 6969 E. Livingston Ave., Reynoldsburg, will begin at 5:30 P.M., Masonic service at 6:30, Legion of Honor ceremonial and memorial service to follow. In lieu of flowers consider donations to the Children's Dyslexia Center, ASHAC or VOICEcorps.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Washington, DC

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Unity Presbyterian Church
6969 East Livingston Avenue
Columbus, OH 43068

Masonic Service

JUL 29. 6:30 PM (ET)

Unity Presbyterian Church
6969 East Livingston Avenue
Columbus, OH 43068

Legion of Honor

JUL 29. 6:45 PM (ET)

Unity Presbyterian Church
6969 East Livingston Avenue
Columbus, OH 43068

Funeral Service

JUL **29**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Columbus, OH 43068

Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard J. Luckay*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - July 28, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ *Richard J. Luckay*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *As a member of MCO I had the opportunity to meet Dick at our orchestra concerts. He always enjoyed the music and was so happy to watch his wife Sarah perform. It was a pleasure to get to know him through conversations at the concerts.*

Susan O'Rourke - July 29, 2021 at 02:56 PM



“ *The Well House Society and IU Libraries purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Richard J. Luckay.*



The Well House Society and IU Libraries - July 28, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard J. Luckay.*



July 27, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *From Reynoldsburg Lodge #340 purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Richard J. Luckay.*



From Reynoldsburg Lodge #340 - July 26, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ *Thank you my dear friend who I enjoyed being a fellow Mason and Shriner with you. I learned a lot from you while serving with you and followed you as a officer trustee on ASHAC. I truly enjoyed visiting you during your therapy and always knew my daughter Shana would take good care of you. Thank you for your wisdom, well done my good and faithful friend. Terry and Pat McLaughlin*

Terrill McLaughlin - July 25, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Richard J. Luckay.*



July 23, 2021 at 11:13 PM

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“ From the Officers and members of the Valley of Columbus, 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Masons, we offer our sincere condolences. Dick recently received his 60 year Masonic membership award, and has been a member of the Valley of Columbus since 1982. He served many years as Chairman of the Board of Governors for the 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center for Children, which in 2016 was renamed: Children's Dyslexic Center- In Honor of Richard J. Luckay, MSA, 33°. Ill. Bro. Luckay was coroneted a 33° Mason in Indianapolis, Indiana in August of 2001 and served our Valley well. The passing of our Brother from the cares and troubles of this transitory existence has removed another link in our fraternal chain that binds us together. May we who survive him be more strongly bound in the ties of friendship, morality and brotherly love.

Valley of Columbus, Scottish Rite Masons

Fred Kile - July 23, 2021 at 12:45 PM

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All of the ladies at MAGIC Cruises & Tours send our best wishes to Sarah and the family. Hold on to your wonderful memories of being together. Dick was a special person who we have enjoyed assisting with travel plans over the years. He always had a smile to share!

Patti Cash - July 29, 2021 at 12:13 PM