



Walter "Bud" Richards

July 24, 2024

Walter Frederick Richards, Jr (Bud), age 89, of Little Egg Harbor passed away on July 24th surrounded by his wife and daughters.

Son of the late Walter F. Richards and Janette Dabrowski, Bud was born in 1935 in Teaneck, NJ and grew up in Palisades Park with his two big sisters, Joan and Margaret (Sis).

After graduating from Leonia High School, Bud worked with his father in construction before joining the US Army. He then attended Fairleigh Dickinson University where he studied Accounting and met his wife of 62 years, Virginia Lynch (Ginny). While at FDU, Bud was a member of the golf team and student council.

Bud earned his CPA and spent his career working in accounting and business. He was a loyal friend, great neighbor and all-around kind, funny and generous person with the patience of a gnat.

Bud and Ginny, lived in Demarest for 49 years where they raised their daughters, Sharon and Jennifer. He was an avid golfer, pool player and bowler. He loved a cold beer, cardigan sweaters, hot dogs and puttering around the house fixing things. There was nothing he couldn't fix with some ingenuity and duct tape.

The source of his greatest happiness and pride was his family who adored him beyond words. He is survived by his wife Ginny; daughters Sharon Richards, Jennifer Merritt, son in law, Jim Merritt and his four beloved grandchildren, Gabrielle, Scott, Nicholas and Allie as well as his sisters Joan

Petersen and Margaret Richards and his nephews, Jeff and Greg Petersen. The family will be receiving friends and family on Sunday, July 28th between 11am-2pm with a service celebrating Bud's life beginning at 1:15PM at Barrett Leber Funeral Home – 148 Dean Dr. Tenafly, NJ.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 28. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Bud’s passing. He was a wonderful man, father, grandfather husband, and friend. We will miss him mightily. Jim and I remember the time he and Ginny and we stayed with the children while Jim and Jen celebrated their anniversary. The eye of a hurricane came over Richmond and we battened down the house. Jim and Bud got in the supplies, batteries, water etc, and we listened to the wind and kept the children safe. Bud was the calming presence and no harm occurred. His sense of humor and optimism were among his many sterling qualities.

Linda Ross - July 27, 2024 at 08:34 AM

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“ Joan P. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Walter "Bud" Richards.



Joan P. - July 26, 2024 at 07:49 PM

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“ Jenny and Pete purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Walter "Bud" Richards.



Jenny and Pete - July 26, 2024 at 05:58 PM



“ Jenny and Pete planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter "Bud" Richards.

Jenny and Pete - July 26, 2024 at 05:58 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Walter "Bud" Richards.



July 26, 2024 at 01:52 PM