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## OBITUARY

*Richard Harvey Ward*

JULY 13, 1943 - JULY 19, 2020

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**R**ichard (Dick) Harvey Ward of Katy, Texas passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2020, at the age of 77. Dick was born in Alexandria, Louisiana on July 13, 1943, to father William Harvey Ward and mother, Sophia Theodora Vranesh Ward. Dick graduated from Texas Tech University and married his sweetheart, Judy Grace Cutter in 1965. He joined the United States Air Force, where he spent time in Okinawa, Thailand, and several US Air Force bases. He retired as a Captain in 1970. He then began his tremendous career as a mechanical engineer where he extensively traveled and spent many years with his family as expats living all over Europe and Thailand. Dick was proud of starting his own company, AIM in 1997 and co-founding CABC that same year. Dick had a history of helping people. Many friends will tell you how he encouraged them to advance their education, or how he gave them a chance to succeed in their careers. He was a much loved boss! Dick retired from the oil and gas industry in 2012, but that didn't stop him from making the world a better place. In 2014 he was voted President of the Willow Fork Drainage District. He then served the community by building Willow Fork Park and Exploration Park in Katy, along with several projects that made the Katy community a nicer place to live. He was so pleased when the Board surprised him by naming the pavilion at Willow Fork Park after him. Dick was a huge sports fan and could always be found cheering on the Houston Texans and Astros. He was an avid antique collector, teller of bad jokes and was especially proud of his grandchildren. Dick fought pancreatic cancer for 10 years with the help of M.D.

Jim of Crockett, Texas and several nephews and one niece. Due to current health restrictions, the family is holding a small ceremony to celebrate his life. Services will be on July 27, 2020 at Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home, 12800 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX. Visitation at 1:00 pm. Funeral Service at 2:00 pm. Graveside Service at 3:00 pm. There will also be a Facebook live event for those who would rather view the ceremony virtually. Please go to Facebook and search for "Forest Park Westheimer" at the time of the service to watch online. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

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## *Visitation*

*Monday, July 27, 2020*

## *Funeral Service*

*Monday, July 27, 2020*

## *Graveside Service*

*Monday, July 27, 2020*

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# Memories

## Richard Harvey Ward

ALL MEMORIES FROM THE FAMILY

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### Russell Saragusa

July 28, 2020

*Judy,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. Dick was a man for the ages and I am grateful that our paths crossed. He was a great boss, mentor and friend. He will be missed and especially his great jokes! We will continue to keep you and your family in our prayers, Russ*

### Jay Reid

July 27, 2020

*Dick and Judy,*

*Thank you for the friendship your family has shared with mine. I have many great memories of times spent around you dating back to when I was a kid living in Europe in the late 70's and early 80's.*

*You always made us laugh, and we'll miss you my friend.*

*-Jay Reid*

### Michael Vranesh

July 27, 2020

*I would just like to express my deepest sympathy at this tragic loss.*

*Our prayers are with you,*

*Mike Vranesh and family*

**Terry Lindsey**

July 27, 2020

*Dick, you will always be remembered for your great humor and clever wit. Having worked with you, though not often, I observed your fantastic skills. Most important, Chris and I shall remember our friendship. Judy, Sharon, Michael, our deepest condolences and call us anytime to chat. RIP my friend.*

**Wendy Duncan**

July 26, 2020

*Willow Fork Drainage District has lost an amazing public servant. Dick Ward served his community as a board member of WFDD for many years holding the position of president since 2014. He protected this district fiercely and cared for our community with genuine devotion.*

*I had the privilege of sitting next to him at every board meeting and heard every witty comment he made.*

*Throughout his battle with cancer, he was faithful in his service to our community with rare absences to board meetings despite hospitalizations and treatments. Dick loved and adored his wife Judy and spoke with such pride about her.*

*I honor and remember a man who truly sought to leave this world a better place and positively impact all he came into contact with.*

**Eve Beckett**

July 26, 2020

*Fond memories of a great boss, he was an absolute delight to work for and deservedly popular. I remember Dick as being a very fair man, good natured and of course very humorous. He was a loving family man who adored Judy, his children and grandchildren. I'm so glad he was able to come and meet my family in Perth, Australia during a business trip. Fond and happy memories.*

*My sincere condolences to Judy and family and all who loved him and will surely miss him.*

*Eve (formerly Robertson)*

**David Daigle**

July 25, 2020

*We fondly remember Dick and Judy's hospitality to a group of visiting New Orleans McDermott personnel when Dick and Judy lived in Brussels in the mid 1980's. Dick's diplomacy and wit facilitated the technical part of the McDermott visit. Judy was the gracious tour guide for the visiting wives who tagged along.*

*The highlight of the trip was a dinner in Brussels at the Blue Elephant for a number of McDermott personnel, hosted by Dick. We enjoyed excellent Thai cuisine and listened to some of Dick's bad jokes. Not a bad trade-off.*

**Lou & Nancy Triche Triche**

July 25, 2020

*I'm going to miss my Buddy.*

*See you in Heaven !*

**Jody Larriviere**

July 24, 2020

*We are saddened with the loss of Mr. Ward. His upbeat optimistic outlook was always a pleasure to be around. He will be sorely missed. May the perpetual light of God shine upon him.*

*Jody & Susan*

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