



Mr. Richard Daniel Wonders

July 30, 1928 - June 13, 2019

Richard Daniel Wonders was born July 30, 1928 in East Liverpool, Ohio to Marie Higgins Wonders and Charles Wonders. Raised in East Liverpool, he graduated from East Liverpool HS, and remained actively involved with the Alumni Association until his passing.

Dick joined the Army in 1948, and spent time in Germany during the Berlin Airlift serving as a radar operator. Upon returning from active duty, Dick was stationed in Watertown NY, and married the love of his life, Lila Lee Swisher. Together, they raised 5 children - Lynette Wonders Rutledge Outen (married to Thom Outen), Vickie Wonders Foltz (married to David Foltz), Kim Wonders, Denise Rae Wonders Beatty (married to Greg Beatty), and Rich Wonders. Dick, Lee, and their family lived in Ohio, California, New Mexico, Indiana, Washington, DC, and Nashville, TN thru the years. Their family grew to include 10 grandchildren - Ben Rutledge, Dr. Brandon Foltz, DDS, Tyler Foltz Anderson, Cameron Foltz Comer, Kyle Beatty, Ashley Beatty West, Zachary Beatty, Jordan Wonders, Madison Wonders, and Jansen Wonders. Together, Dick and Lee had a wonderful and complete life that was centered around their large family, which has now expanded to include 8 great grandchildren. Daughter Vickie pre-deceased him in 2008, and his precious wife, Lee, went to be home with the Lord in 2012.

Dick spent his life in both business and serving the Lord in ministry. He owned Wonders Insurance Agency, and also spent years in music ministry at Churches of the Nazarene in Concord CA, Nashville TN, Kokomo IN, Washington DC and Clovis NM. Dick, Lee, and daughter Denise spent several years traveling together in support of their family music ministry.

His overriding message in the last months of his life was his goal was to see that all his family know the Lord. Through the Christ-centered leadership of both Dick and Lee, his goal is a reality!

A celebration of his life will be held Mon, June 17, 2019 at Grace Church of the Nazarene,

Pennington Bend Rd, Nashville, TN. Visitation with the family from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM, celebration service immediately following. There will be no gravesite services.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Metro Nashville Chorus of the Sweet Adelines, Vickie Wonders Foltz Scholarship Fund 6741 Autumn Oaks Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027. <https://metronashvillechorus.org/sponsorship>

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216.

Cemetery

Events

**Spring Hill
Cemetery**
5110 Gallatin Pike
Nashville, TN, 37216

- JUN 17 Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:30PM
Grace Nazarene Church
2620 Pennington Bend Road, Nashville, TN, US, 37214
- JUN 17 Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony** 01:30PM - 02:15PM
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2620 Pennington Bend Road, Nashville, TN, US, 37214

Comments



“ Dick was a significant contributor the the success of any pastor he worked with. He was thoughtful, reflective and always a friend to the mission of the church. George and Irene Pitzer valued the Wonders family, and particularly Dick, as workers and as friends. Dick contributed to good in our world.
James and Brenda (Pitzer) Miller.

James and Brenda (Pitzer) Miller - June 18 at 05:18 PM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the Wonders family!

Dick was a very talented and unique individual who had a lot of knowledge and expertise in whatever he did. Musically, I will always remember how he would research the history of hymns and give special background information and insight into the hymn writer and how the song was written when he was leading a song service. Another one of his musical trademarks was how he loved to transition from one hymn to another, creating a medley, and would also change keys between verses to add variety...and keep the accompanist on his or her toes.

While my husband was property manager at Grace Church of the Nazarene, he and Dick worked together a lot making continual improvements around the church, especially with the sound system. They had a lot of experiences together which have become very special memories, and it was fun listening to them reminisce and chuckle about them in recent weeks.

In his lifetime, Dick has been a lot of places, known a lot of people, and had a lot of experiences which he loved to talk about. We will miss his story-telling and zest for life, but we know that we will see him again and rejoice together around the Throne getting caught up on all the news!

Deloris and Richard Ball
Nashville Grace Church of the Nazarene

Deloris & Richard Ball - June 17 at 01:14 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Daniel Wonders.





“ Dick and Lee were wonderful family friends. John and I had many fun times with them. Now Dick, Lee, and John are celebrating in heaven. My condolences to all the family. Love you. Evelyn Bond.



Evelyn Bond - June 14 at 09:13 PM