



Richard T. "Dick" Bowker

August 12, 1931 - October 6, 2022

DEVENS – Richard T. ("Dick") Bowker of Devens, MA passed away peacefully at home on October 6, 2022 at age 91 after a long battle with old age.

Born in Newark, New Jersey on August 12, 1931, he graduated from Juniata College with a degree in economics and served in the Navy during the Korean war. Dick moved to Acton Massachusetts with his family in 1968. He worked for many years in medical equipment sales and in later life ran his own courier business and worked as a warehouse manager. As a senior citizen he volunteered in several capacities, including delivering Meals on Wheels for the Town of Lancaster and co-hosting a local radio show for athletes with disabilities.

For much of his adult life Dick was an avid tennis player. When playing tennis was no longer feasible, he switched to pickleball and then ping pong. He was a long-time member of the Orchard Hills Athletic Club in Lancaster and enjoyed the company of many friends there. His friends and family will dearly miss his sociable nature and sense of humor.

Dick was predeceased by his wife, Susan E. (Hartsock) Bowker. He is survived by his daughter, Kendra Bowker and her husband Judson Slack of Merrimac and their children Alden of Kingston, NY and Cooper of Truro, Cape Cod; his son, Tom Bowker of East Baldwin, Maine and his children Nathan of

Brattleboro, Vermont and Justin of Colton, California; and his brother, Harry Bowker and wife Vicky of Manchester, NY.

At the request of the family, Dick's funeral arrangements are private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Nashoba Nursing Service & Hospice, www.nashoba.org. All arrangements are under the direction of Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer. For additional information or for online condolences, please visit www.andersonfuneral.com.

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“ My name is Tom Mitchell. Dick and I played many doubles matches together in local tournaments particularly the Groton Tournament at Lawrence Academy. He always jokingly complained about his inability to properly hit a tennis ball and filled one of his closets with many racquets he was sure would change his tennis fortunes. He always had a smile on his face with hardly a discouraging word. I had many fond memories with him and will miss him severely.

Tom Mitchell - August 06, 2023 at 02:25 PM

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“ Always enjoyed interacting with Dick at Orchard Hills. He had wonderful sense of humor and a strong moral code. I will miss him

Jack Klette - October 14, 2022 at 05:46 PM

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“ Kendra, Jud, and Tom, I'm so sorry for the loss of Uncle Dick. He was truly a unique, loving guy. I have so many memories of him, Aunt Susan, and my parents playing bridge and then putting on music and dancing the night away. He was my first dance partner and later in life we danced the night away at my wedding. He loved tennis. I remember being at Kennebunkport together and so many tennis games. I especially cherish our time together in 2019 when I visited with Kendra and Jud. After Aunt Susan passed, he wrote me a Christmas card every year. Good passing Uncle Dick, see you on the other side. Love, Julia

Julia - October 12, 2022 at 07:01 AM