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Richard W. Paape, 94, of Culpeper, Virginia, died on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at his home. Born in Morgan, Minnesota on July 25, 1930, he grew up with five brothers and sisters. Mr. Paape studied economics at American University in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Paape served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, performing duty at several U.S. installations. Following his active duty, he served 26 years in the active U.S. Army Reserves, retiring in 1979 with the rank of Command Sergeant Major.

During his 35 years of work with the Federal Government, he spent his last 30 years in trade promotion work for the Commerce Department's International Trade Administration. He coordinated the activities of a Federal Advisory Committee structure that promoted U.S. exports, working Chairman of an interagency committee for a Presidential recognition program honoring U.S. exporters who succeeded in their export efforts, and served as a liaison with other Commerce Department activities related to selected national defense programs. His work included both domestic and international travel.

Mr. Paape retired in 1985 and moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina where he enjoyed golf, working in his community, serving on many church committees and boards, and as a board member of the Horry County Council on Aging. In 2000, he moved to Culpeper, Virginia, and continued his work with senior programs, his church, his community, and his favorite pastime of golf, in which he experienced four holes-in-one.

Mr. Paape was a longtime fan of the Washington Redskins, Capitals and Wizards.

He enjoyed his family and friends and keeping busy his other passion besides golf, with his yard and flowers.



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He is survived by his daughter, Lisa Saunders (Jim) of Silver Spring, Maryland; three grandchildren, Alexandra Gibson (Shawn), Ashley Saunders, and Jacob Saunders; his pride and joy great grandson Landon James; and a number of cousins, and his amazing nephews and nieces and church and neighborhood families.

He is preceded in death by Carl and Dora Paape; two brothers, Ronald C. Paape and William R. Paape; and two sisters, Donna Frietag and Audrey Karver and his beloved wife, Elizabeth Paape.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel, 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, VA 22701.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1100 N Main St, Culpeper, VA 22701 with Rev. Terri Church officiating.

Interment will be private at Culpeper National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Richard's name to St. Luke Lutheran Church or to Hospice of the Piedmont at <https://hopva.org/donate-online-now/>

An online guestbook and tribute wall are available at www.foundandsons.com

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.

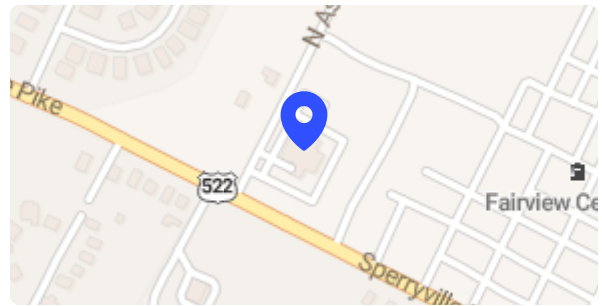


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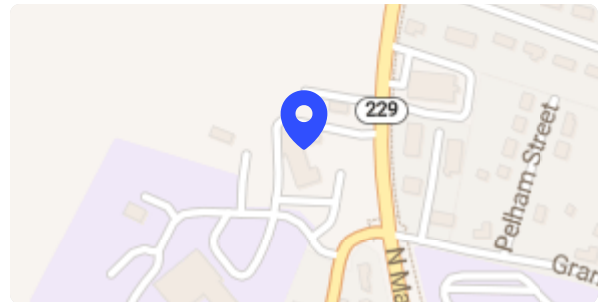
Visitation

- Tuesday**, January 21, 2025
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service**
850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701



Memorial Service

- Wednesday**, January 22, 2025
- 12:00 PM ET
- St. Luke Lutheran Church**
1100 N. Main Street, Culpeper VA 22701



Cemetery Details

- Culpeper National Cemetery (New)**
501 East Chandler Street, Culpeper VA 22701





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Helen Gray Garretson posted:

Dick was one of the kindest people i have had the pleasure of meeting. Met him through our Senior's group. He always greeted everyone with a smile and a story. He had fun as a skilled, and a little competitive, card partner. He also enjoyed when Pat played music. Dick was an encourager to everyone and will be missed. With sincere sympathy to his family. Helen Gray Garretson, and Pat and Peg Nelson

January 21 at 9:10 AM



Margaret Shifflett lit a candle in honor of Richard.



January 20 at 5:00 PM



Margaret Shifflett posted:

He was a sweet and kind person he love his great grandson he would talk to me and Tracy when he come and get his chicken salad and tuna for his daughter coming in for the weekend he live them very much so Thankful to have known him sending prayers to the family God bless each and everyone of you ❤️🙏

January 20 at 4:50 PM



Edward (Ted) Ferriter January 24 at 8:01 AM

Dick was an active member of our "Goofers" golf group for many years. He encouraged each player with a well placed comment and everyone enjoyed having his exceptionally smooth and accurate swing as part of their Tuesday golf foursome. He and his stories will be missed by all his Goofers cadre!



Ken Malley posted:

Dick was a straight shooter on the course and in life. I played golf with Dick for 20 years and never saw him express an angry moment; concern but never anger. I dispensed Tuesday Goofer congratulation cards for member birthdays and for those who reached 80 years old and every 5 years after that. Dick would periodically remind me how many months and years he had to go for the next card. A fierce competitor, a faithful friend; I will miss him. Condolences to all. Ken Malley

January 17 at 8:23 PM



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Edward Calleja posted:

Dick was a gentle soul,I was always thrilled to see him in my foursome when playing with the "Goofers".Dick was a hell of an iron player never carried a driver in his bag,but could hit a tee shot with a four iron as far as many of us with a driver.My deepest sympathies to his family I will miss seeing him on the golf course.Ed Calleja

January 17 at 5:06 PM



Cheryl Brown posted:

We were Dick's neighbors since 2004. We frequently saw him hitting golf balls in the field. He spent countless hours manicuring his beautiful lawn. I loved watching him ride around on his cute little red lawn mower. It was inspiring to see him remain active into his 90's. He will be missed! - Cheryl, Todd, Trevor and Christa Brown

January 16 at 12:14 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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