



## Richard "Dick" Ramon Powell

May 18, 1935 - January 27, 2021

Richard "Dick" Ramon Powell, 85, of Culpeper, Virginia, previously of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away at his home on Wednesday, January 27, 2021. He is survived by his companion of 45 years, Sonia Kay Mills, his daughter, Deborah A. Powell of Falls Church, VA, his daughter Cristine Powell Homburg (Chris) of Frederick, MD, and his son, Mark D. Powell (Meredith), of Annapolis, MD, four grandchildren, Kyle Homburg, Danielle Homburg, Caitlin Powell, Olivia Powell, and great-granddaughter, Salem Homburg. Dick was born in Los Angeles, California and later lived in Eugene, Oregon. He served in the United States Army (1954-1962) as a Sergeant in the Korean War. He worked as a Salesman in the glass and aluminum business for 60 years, a career that took him from California, to Madison, Wisconsin, to Kansas City, Missouri and to Gaithersburg, Maryland. He later moved to Alexandria, Virginia where he lived and retired from Woodbridge Glass at the age of 84. He loved his work.

Dick had a beautiful spark in his eye and was Mr. Personality. He was the life of every gathering, always had a smile on his face, enjoyed talking to people, and was the best story and joke teller. He loved to make people smile. He had a way of remembering everyone's name that he came in contact with, and was an educator to others. Dick was a huge fan of cars, cooking, fine dining, golf, hunting and watching sports. He loved the Washington Nationals and his hometown LA Dodgers. He was a big Redskins fan regardless of their record. He loved the beach and the mountains and enjoyed nothing more than gathering with family, friends and neighbors to share good company and a laugh.

Memorial contributions can be made in his name to the American Cancer Society and/or Hospice of the Piedmont in Culpeper, VA.

Graveside services will be held at Culpeper National Cemetery on February 4, 2021 at 12 pm with military honors provided by VFW Post 2524. Rev. Charles McRaven will be officiating. To view the recorded service, click the following link:

<https://www.oneromstreaming.com/view/authorise.php?k=161257983799379>

An on-line tribute wall is available [www.foundandsons.com](http://www.foundandsons.com).

# Cemetery

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## **Culpeper National Cemetery (New)**

501 East Chandler Street  
Culpeper, VA, 22701

# Events

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**FEB 4** **Graveside** 12:00PM

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501 East Chandler Street, Culpeper, VA, US,  
22701

# Comments

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“ 1 file added to the album Recorded Service



**Found and Sons Funeral Chapels - Cremation Service** - February 09 at 09:40 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Sonia and family. Dick and Sonia were my great friends and neighbors in Pinecrest for many years. Such a happy guy

**Rob Pritchett** - February 08 at 11:50 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy. Hazel

**Hazel** - February 03 at 08:16 PM

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“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Ramon Powell.



February 03 at 03:04 PM

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“ I knew Dick almost 40 years, my whole glass career. A piece of work, a good egg and kept you on your toes! Learned more about life when I got to see him more at Woodbridge Glass. He will be missed !

Wayne Storie

Wayne Storie - February 03 at 02:43 PM

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“ I am sure I won't be the only friend of Dick's to reference Sinatra's "My Way" as I think of how he swaggered through life. Dick worked hard, played hard, and made a lot of friends in the course of his time.

He was an easy man to like, one who would join a crowd, and light them up with his straight talk, sense of humor, and full throated laughter. I don't think he enjoyed anything more than a crowd, a scotch, and a cigar.

He wore his feelings on his sleeve, never put up with bullshit, and would call you out on it in a heartbeat. And the next minute, everyone would be laughing as he turned it on a dime and lit up another cigar.

Of course, you couldn't know Dick without knowing Sonia. I will always remember early days at Joe Theisman's in Arlington sitting with my wife, Susan, John and Brenda, and Dick and Sonia. Dick and Sonia spent many years together and if you know the person Sonia is, you know that the strength of their relationship speaks again to the man Dick was.

The primary photo of Dick in this obituary really reveals everything he was. The mischievous smile, the friendly aspect he projects, and the healthy skepticism he had all show through for us all to remember.

Susan and I will think of Dick Powell often. We are certain that others who knew him will help with that. And in a world that is woefully short of strong individuals and unique characters, we will be one short with his passing; a man who did it "His Way".

scott hastings - February 02 at 07:02 PM

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“ There were many times I would trek across the street to join Dick and Sonia for dinner and/or drinks. Of course, hanging out on their deck was always a good time. All I would need to do was walk by the house and if I smelled cigar smoke, I knew at least Dick would be out on the deck. As a salesman, I thought Dick had been to a ton of cities, because sometimes when I would mention places where I may have traveled, he usually had a good story of his experience there and he'd be so detailed and when the ladies weren't on the deck, I'd get some juicy tidbits (ha,ha). Dick surely enjoyed his mastery of the grill. The finished products were always great tasting (Emeril, take note). When it came to his birthday or Christmas, Dick was pretty easy to buy for. I could never go wrong with a 12 or 18 year old single-malt Scotch. He always lit up when he unwrapped it. I always enjoyed watching the Nats games with Dick. If I had missed the game the night before, Dick would always provide the highlights. Hopefully, heaven has some big screen TVs for game watching. Dick, you will be missed.

Tony Paduano - February 02 at 03:19 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Ramon Powell.



February 02 at 01:24 PM

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“ I can't remember exactly where in VA it was that I first met Dick and Sonia .. probably Theisman's, but I do know it was the first of many evenings that involved enjoying friendship, good food, refreshments and Dicks's enchanting stories of his travels and life. It was the beginning of many, many wonderful times. From the day I met Dick, he had a wicked Fun Smile with a glint in his eyes and stories and jokes to tell... Most of which I had never heard before. Always the gentleman, he often would help me into a "HighChair" and most times giving up his own seat.

I have numerous fond memories being with Sonia and Dick at numerous DC and VA restaurants. There were times too at their Alexandria home when dick would cook salmon, scallops or grill at their deck.

Once when I was in DC I had a Super Bowl party (I distinctly remember My Cowboys beat the Redskins)..

When all the guest had left except for Sonia, my man Roger from England, and Dick. Dick & Roger had a "Bro" thing going. I had a new bottle of brandy for especially for Dick because I knew he liked it. Well Dick and Roger drank the whole bottles for proceeded to open my bottle of Crown which they also finished. Once again, it was a good thing Sonia was driving them home to Skyline.

After I left DC I got to see them on my trips to DC and would enjoy staying with them at their home.

I was also honored that Dick and Sonia extended a vacation trip to Charleston, SC by on their return home, they detoured to come to my home on Lake Greenwood for a couple nights. Dick had a cold and was on medicine and didn't feel great. But, they made the effort to go out of their way to spend a couple of nights with me. That was Special to me.

Also, after I left DC, I got to spend time with them at their home. I was fortunate to join Sonia, Janet, John, and Brenda to celebrate Dick's 80th Birthday at Myrtle Beach historical Sea Captain's restaurant.

As a "newbie" to DC and VA area in the early 90's, I was introduced to Dick and Sonia and from day one, they extended their friendship and love to include me in unlimited favorite get togethers at local places we all enjoyed. Dick and Sonia always made me feel welcome and "included" never a single 3rd or 5th wheel. I was always welcome and a friend.

Dick, I know you are with our Lord, and with peace.

I'm sure you have joined our beloved Rick and catching up on stories galore.

You are missed now and each day. Love ya !

Ann - February 02 at 12:07 AM

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“ What a great man you were Dick. I can't thank you enough for the memories and too many laughs that you gave us all. A sip of Dewars and a fine cigar in your honor sir. Cheers to you and may you Rest In Peace

Jim and Amy Mangum - February 01 at 08:49 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Ramon Powell.



February 01 at 08:27 PM

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“ Life goes on, but it'll be less fun without Dick Powell. I'll miss him greatly, great times with my buddy! I'm having a dry Rob Roy and a cigar the size of healthy Mule (ha) in his honor and our friendship!

**John Wells** - February 01 at 07:37 PM

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“ To know Dick was to love Dick. He had a great zest for life and always looked on the bright side of things. He loved his jokes and remembered thousands of them. He liked retelling them as much as the jokes themselves. At a birthday gathering for Dick, he was telling a joke to a group that he told a few times previously. We were standing next to a long time friend of Dick's who said half way through the joke "watch Dick he will laugh at his own joke like it is the first time he heard it". Sure enough Dick laughed just like his friend said and of course we all joined in and enjoyed Dick loving life. Dick is in heaven now with a big crowd around him asking him for one more joke. Maybe, he will send one down to us. We miss you.

Mary and Pat Noble

**Pat and Mary Noble** - February 01 at 08:40 AM

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“ Pat Olinger lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Ramon Powell



**Pat Olinger** - January 30 at 07:31 PM