



Richard "Dick" Geiger

April 4, 1936 - January 7, 2026

Richard ("Dick") Bernard Geiger, of Springfield, VA, age 89, passed away on January 7, 2026 at Inova Hospital, Fairfax Virginia. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11am on May 23, 2026 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth, MI. Burial will be at St John's Catholic Cemetery in Forestville, MI.

Richard was born in Sherman Township, Huron County, Michigan on May 4, 1936, the second of eight children born to the late Clement Theodore and Elizabeth Adelaide (Volmering) Geiger. He was the beloved husband of Norma Jean (Edwards) Geiger for over 67 years. They were married on September 6, 1958, at St. John's Catholic Church in Forestville, MI.

Richard served in the U.S. Army on active duty for 2 years and in the Army Reserves for 6 years. After his active Army duty, he served as a seaman on the Great Lakes. In 1958, he began a 40-year career in Federal civil service at the Bureau of Public Roads in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, where his newlywed life with Norma began.

He earned degrees in Civil Engineering from The George Washington University (B.S), Virginia Tech (Master of Urban Affairs) and earned post-Graduate engineering certificates from the University of Virginia and the University of Southern California, while obtaining licensure as a Registered Professional Engineer (P.E.).

A majority of his federal service was spent at the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation. Among his many projects at FHWA, he was quite proud of his work in completion of the Blue Ridge

Parkway. In 1989, he left FHWA to become Manager of the Bureau of Indian Roads, U.S. Department of Interior, providing transportation and environmental management support to Native American communities throughout the United States, retiring in 1994.

During his official travel, Richard achieved his life goal of visiting all 50 US states. In retirement, he enjoyed traveling with Norma to many places throughout the US and the world. He also served as an assistant to visually impaired staff at the Virginia Department of Rehabilitation Services, as well as a fourteen-year tenure with Hallmark, where his mechanical skills were highly valued by his fellow crew members. In addition to his lifelong love of travel, he enjoyed genealogy research, Washington Commanders and Virginia Tech football games, coin and stamp collecting and many hours of highly competitive dominoes and card games with family.

He served as an officer in the Knights of Columbus and was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Order of the Engineer, Disabled American Veterans and American Legion Post 197, Harbor Beach, MI.

In addition to his wife Norma, Richard is survived by his five children: Brenda Geiger Gardiner, Jeffrey Geiger (Deborah), Lisa Geiger Croce (Thomas), Paula Geiger, Pamela Geiger Anderson (Robert), 7 grandchildren (Emily, Rebecca, Ethan, Rachel, Megan, Caroline, Caitlin), 4 brothers Gerald (Shirley), Kenneth (Carolyn), Cornelius (Carolyn), David (Hazel), one sister Ruth Ann (Joseph) Kucharczyk, sister-in-law Jean (Kirsch) Geiger, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Herbert and Donald Geiger; in-laws Arnold and Gladys (Hoppe) Edwards; Evelyn Edwards, Edith (Edwards) and Bill Schuman, Keith and Marilyn (McCollough) Edwards, and Margaret (Scanlon) Geiger.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Fort Belvoir Army Fisher House (Virginia: Fort Belvoir Army Fisher House - Fisher House Foundation) or the Wounded Warrior Project (Wounded Warrior Project - Donate)

Cemetery Details

St. John Cemetery

Bay City Forestville Rd
Forestville, MI

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
Ruth, MI