

Richard Schumm

Age 85 formerly of Wayne, died peacefully in Florida on Wednesday, June 11, 2014.



"Big Rich" as he was known to many, was born in Jersey City to Helen Shepherd and Arthur Schumm. Raised in Bloomfield, he graduated from Newark College of Engineering in 1951 where he was a proud brother of the Omicron Delta Kappa fraternity. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1953, serving as an engineering instructor.

Trained as a civil engineer, Rich was a developer and general contractor throughout his career. With his many companies he built numerous large scale projects in NYC and Northern New Jersey, including Heritage Manor in Wayne and the Mahwah High School, just to name a few. When he wasn't working, Rich enjoyed playing poker, boating and sailing.

He was past Commodore of the Hudson Cove Yacht Club in Haverstraw, past Commodore of Boardwalk Caper Yacht Club, Fort Myers Beach, FL, and president of the Boardwalk Caper Association in Ft. Meyers Beach, and the first president of Mount Arlington Condo Association. Rich and his wife June have lived in Ft. Meyers Beach since 1987.

Rich was a vibrant man, very strong-willed, and one of the smartest people you could know. He was a very loving and generous dad and his grandchildren meant the world to him. June and Rich worked together at the family business, June as the secretary, since 1963 and rarely left each other's side. They loved to travel together and had visited many destinations, especially enjoying Europe and Hawaii. His whole family will surely miss him dearly.

Rich is survived by his beloved wife June of Ft. Meyers Beach, his daughter June Bonnett and her husband Robert of Woodcliff Lake, NJ, three sons; David and his wife Dawn of Scottsdale, AZ, Richard of West Orange, NJ and Joseph of Bayville, NJ, six grandchildren; Kristina, Joey, Danielle, Nick, Laura, and Kevin, one sister; Dorothy Wisman of Toms River, NJ, and one brother; Ted Schumm of Buffalo, NY.

Memorial donations to the charity of your choice in Rich's honor would be greatly appreciated. Please consider the St. Paul's Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, 220 Hamburg Turnpike, Pompton Lakes, NJ.