

Richard "Dick" Wirth



Richard Wirth Obituary

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Hilton Head Island, South Carolina - Richard "Dick" Wirth, a 32-year resident of Hilton Head Island, passed away at home on Tuesday, June 3. He was 82 years old.

Born in Massachusetts to Gustave and Margaret Wirth, Dick graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1965 and was

commissioned into the United States Air Force. That same year, he married Patricia, and together they raised three children and welcomed six grandchildren. Dick and Patricia would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this month.

During his time in the Air Force, Dick became a pilot and flew the KC-135, an air refueling jet. He served with distinction during three tours of duty in Vietnam.

After leaving the Air Force, Dick continued his aviation career as a pilot with Eastern Airlines. In addition, he utilized his engineering and business skills to become a successful home builder in New England. His business-fittingly named Wings and Wood-reflected both his love of flight and his craftsmanship.

Dick is survived by his wife, Patricia, of Hilton Head Island; his son, Richard, of Jacksonville; and his daughters, Elizabeth of Milton, MA, and Abby of Hilton Head. He is also lovingly remembered by his six grandchildren: Emme, Caroline, and Hugh Cronin of Milton MA; Annie and Jake Ferguson of Hilton Head; and Richard "Scooter" Wirth III of Jacksonville.

Dick will be laid to rest at the cemetery at West Point at a later date