



Richard D. "Dick" Berg

October 27, 1932 - May 9, 2025

In loving memory of Richard D. "Dick" Berg, born October 27, 1932 in Minneapolis, MN, passed away peacefully in his home in Minneapolis on May 9, 2025 at the age of 92.

Preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Stella Berg; brothers, Roger and Howard; and nephew, Kris. Survived by wife, Joy; daughters Susan and Lori; and many relatives and friends.

Dick grew up in Minneapolis with his two brothers and graduated from North High School in 1950 where he lettered in gymnastics and track. In June 1954, he married Joy and they were soon blessed with their daughters, Susan and Lori.

During the Korean War, Dick proudly served in the Marine Corps (1952-1954) and in the Marine Corps Reserve (1954-1962), and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. Once when asked why he chose the Marines over the other branches of the military, he quipped "I liked their uniforms better."

After his discharge from the Marine Corps Reserve, he enrolled at the Dunwoody Institute and subsequently, began a career in the printing industry as a pressman. Over the years, Dick worked in several pressrooms in the metro area including the Minneapolis Star Journal, Midwest Printing, Ramberg

Printing, and American Spirit Graphics. He belonged to the GCIU Graphics International Union. Dick's career spanned over 30 years and he retired in 1995.

Dick was a 58 year member of the American Legion Aviation Post 511. He was always very involved with the post and held many leadership roles including Post Commander in 1979, 1980, and 2016. He also served as Membership Director, Adjunct, Finance Officer, and Chaplain. For many years, Dick and his brother Roger (also a member of the post) would plan, organize, and host the Post's annual Christmas Party. In 2002, Dick was honored by the Fifth District as Outstanding Legionaire, and in 2022, he was awarded the American Legion Medal of Merit, and was bestowed with the title of Commander Emeritus.

In 2018, Dick was chosen to participate in the Honor Flight Program, an all day trip to Washington D.C. Dick and other World War II and Korean War Veterans from all branches of the military were given a tour of Washington D.C. including stops at each branch's memorial for honor and reflection. His sponsor and guardian for the trip was Dick's good friend and fellow post member, Teb Hoeben.

Dick was an avid fisherman, with a particular love of bass fishing, and was quite good at it. He taught his daughters to fish, and they would out fish him on occasion, which he was okay with. He fished both the summer and the winter months with equal enthusiasm. One of his favorite sayings was "Every hour of fishing adds one hour to your life." Maybe that is why he lived such a long life!

He was also a deer hunter, and would often tell stories of some of the deer "camps" he stayed at during hunting season. Some of the stories were quite "entertaining" to say the least.

Dick was a golfer for many years and belonged to several golf leagues. One of the leagues was called the "Rainmakers" which included his brother Roger and several close friends. Dick loved to golf and amassed quite a collection of golf trophies and awards over the years.

Dick was a very kind, generous, and humble man. He was always willing to lend a hand to anyone who asked and expected nothing in return. He loved his family first and foremost. He was a wonderful husband, and the best father anyone could ask for. His memory will live on forever in the hearts of his family, friends, and so many others. He will be dearly missed.

Dick loved his country and was proud of his military service and his membership in the American Legion. So, his family requests memorial donations in his name be made to the Honor Flight Twin Cities www.honorflighttwincities.org.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 2 PM with a visitation at 1 PM with luncheon immediately following all at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 W Broadway Ave, Crystal.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Memorial Service

JUN 14. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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