



Richard Allen Diercks

June 13, 2018

Diercks, Richard Allen It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Dick Diercks, age 76 of Wayzata, who passed away suddenly of natural causes at his office in the afternoon of June 13. Survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Jan Evans; daughter, Lin Diercks; siblings Juliana Maxa (Dwight); Mary Diercks; Gregory Diercks (Libby) Alexandria, VA; Stephen Diercks (Carol) Marietta, GA; Charles Diercks; and Michaela Diercks; and children of his former marriage, Adrienne Diercks, Erika Diercks, and Kate Diercks . Preceded in death by his loving parents, Richard Allen Diercks, Sr. and Lois St. Anne (Braun) Diercks. Dick was born on December 31, 1941, in Austin, Minnesota, and was raised the eldest of seven children on acres of property in Mound, MN, where his love of the outdoors was born, nurtured and later was sustained throughout his life. First gripped by a fascination with deer, rabbits, and fish on and around his childhood home's property - leading his siblings on countless outdoor adventures - Dick later became an expert fly-fisherman and sailor, captaining his prized racing sailboat, Tulum. Dick enjoyed deep sea fishing, loved clay-pigeon shooting at the Horse and Hunt Club (Prior Lake) and the people there, and enjoyed the occasional overseas adventures in wildlife, fishing and big game hunting. Only later in Dick's life was he introduced to golf by his wife Jan, which became another outdoor passion. Dick honed his golf skills year- round with Braemar Golf Pro, Joe Greupner (Edina). Dick and Jan enjoyed years of golf together, many of which rounds were played at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, FLA (where the couple

was married), and he tried never to miss his home-based Friday afternoon guys "full-contact golf" foursome. Some years ago, Dick attended a class in Wayzata on how to make maple syrup and he tapped his own maple trees and his neighbors' maple trees in Wayzata. His state champion first-place winning syrup - which he named "Peavey Lane Pure" - was enjoyed by many grateful recipients. Dick began his professional career working at WCCO while he attended the University of Minnesota. Later he struck out on a career in the ad agency business at Campbell Mithun, which eventually led to his purchase of production company, Emcom (Edina) where he produced many acclaimed videos, including Country Line Dancing; Kathy Smith exercise videos; and filming on Tippi Hedren's and Melanie Griffith's wildlife sanctuary, Shambala Preserve, for lions and all other exotic felines (California), and at Old Town Canoe (Maine). Always an inventor, visionary, and adventurer, Dick pursued his entrepreneurial spirit, leading several small businesses in creative endeavors and technology support systems, concluding with his company RADCO, where he authored DVD content for movies, special interest and corporate use, including one of his favorites, Aquaria, which sold worldwide. Among other corporate uses, RADCO technology supports Target's advertising works. Just before his death, Dick had asked Jan her opinion of the name for a new company he intended to launch. Dick's and Jan's most cherished life endeavor together was the adoption of their precious daughter, Lin, when Lin was 16 years of age. Dick and Lin formed an immediate bond all their own filled with love, laughter, mutual respect and good-natured teasing. Lin later brought into the family home the boundlessly loving and joyful dog, Lola, who Lin rescued, and Dick and Lola became inseparable companions. Jan, Lin, Lola, and cats Poopsie, Lila and Lily, will dearly miss Dick's ever-present selflessness, generosity, free-spirited joy, optimism, and tender love. Funeral service 10 AM Thursday, June 21, St. Martin's By The Lake Episcopal Church, 2801 Westwood Road, Minnetonka Beach. Private interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Trout Unlimited. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

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“ Condolences from your cousins Dan and John Diercks and Mary Jo (Diercks) Dare and Claire (Diercks) Baker, surviving children of John P. “Jack” and Claire Hammond Diercks.

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“ I'm very sorry to hear of Richard's passing. Richard really gave me my start in film and video production and we had some great times together not only shooting all over the US and England but our fishing trips combined with many of these shoots. Our trip to Endland resulted in my meeting my wife Sue and the reason I still live here now, some 22 years after the shoot. I also remember fondly our Dinosaur project which gave me the opportunity to work with some of the very same people at the St.Paul Science Museum that my father had worked with many years before on a project that he was shooting. I'll miss him dearly.

Bruce Heideman

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