



Richard Lewis Fast

December 18, 1933 - July 27, 2021

Richard "Dick" L. Fast

Passed away July 27, 2021, in North Oaks, MN at the age of 87. He was born on December 18, 1933 in Mountain Lake, MN. Dick grew up in Minneapolis and graduated from Central High School. He attended Bethel College and graduated from the University of Minnesota with an electrical engineering degree.

Dick piloted the F-89 Scorpion in the U.S. Air Force and was promoted to captain in the Air National Guard. He was hired within the first 25 employees as the second engineer at Medtronic. He helped grow Medtronic along with the founder, Earl Bakken, in establishing factories throughout the world. Dick showed his dedication to improving the quality of patient lives throughout his 25 year career at Medtronic. He also served on numerous boards including Bethel University, Mounds Midway Hospital, Junior Achievement and other non profits. Dick provided many volunteer hours at Bethlehem Baptist Church since he began attending as a young boy. He participated in the building committee and pastoral searches in addition to other ministries.

Dick was an avid athlete playing basketball, tennis and golf while also watching a variety of sports. He had a passion for aviation which was fulfilled by piloting his own planes. Dick's faith in Jesus Christ was evident throughout his life. He treasured his wife of 63 years, his family and friends. Dick was a humble, generous man who will be deeply missed.

Preceded in death by parents, Henry and Ruth; brothers, Ray (Jane) and

Roger (Betty).

Survived by wife, Della; daughter, Sharon (Keith) Steichen and grandsons, Aaron and Andrew.

Funeral service Tuesday, August 3rd at 11:00 AM (visitation 10-11 AM) at BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH - NORTH CAMPUS; 5151 Program Ave., Mounds View. Services livestreamed at Bethlehem Church.

Visitation Monday, August 2nd from 4-7 PM at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME; 515 W. Hwy 96, Shoreview.

Interment Ft. Snelling National Cemetery Wednesday, August 4th at 11:30 AM.

Memorials preferred to Bethlehem Baptist Church, Bethel University, Bethlehem College and Seminary.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ You were a good and decent man, Dick.
Godspeed old friend.



Don Sturtevant - August 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Dear Aunt Della Mae, Sharon, Keith, Aaron &
Andrew,
My heart ❤️ goes out to each one of you!
Uncle Dick was always so kind, patient, fun to
be with and truly cared about others. I will
remember him fondly and know he will be deeply missed by all that
knew him.
With heartfelt sympathy and gratitude to have known him! He was a
wonderful Uncle!



Nancy Linné - July 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Uncle Dick will be missed so much!! I loved
his sense of humor and his beautiful soul! I
have come to terms with the fact that I was
not his favorite niece :) but I know he loved all
of his family and friends with his whole heart. I
know he's loving his time flying with the angels!! Heartfelt
sympathies to Della, Sharon and the whole family. xoxo



Karey and Danny - July 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Della, Sharon, Keith and boys ~ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Dick! What a wonderful, Godly man he was! I have so many happy memories of him when you would come up to Roseau when I was a child or when we would be down in the Cities and we would all get together. I always enjoyed visiting with Dick and getting a big hug!! He will be greatly missed!! I am comforted at the thought that he is together with my Uncle Ralph having a wonderful time up in Heaven!!*



Hugs and Prayers to you all!!

Deb Strandlund Krein - July 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *Dear Della, Sharon, Keith, Aaron and Andrew, We mourn with you at the loss of your wonderful husband, father and grandfather and wish we could be with you to celebrate his life well lived! You are definitely in our thoughts and prayers and pray you'll be comforted by God's peace and presence. We rejoice in Dick's heavenly home going and ultimate healing. Well done, good and faithful servant! Much love to all of you!*

Mark & Tami Turkovich - July 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM