



## **Richard "Dick" Kreager**

04/09/1936 - 12/28/2021

Richard "Dick" Kreager, age 85, of Omro, passed away at Evergreen Retirement Community in Oshkosh with his loving wife Millie by his side on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, after struggling with Parkinson's Disease for 6 years. He was born on April 9, 1936, in Seneca Falls, New York to William and Hazel (Taylor) Kreager; he was the middle child of brother Robert and sister Norma. In 1954 Dick graduated from Mynderse Academy in Seneca Falls. In February 1954, while a senior in high school, he joined the United States Navy Reserves. Dick attended teletype training school in Bainbridge, Maryland where he graduated as honor man of his class. He was then assigned to the USS Antietam CVS36 antisubmarine aircraft carrier. In 1959 he was discharged from active duty as Radioman First Class Petty Officer. He returned to duty with the Navy Reserves, where he received an Honorable Discharge in 1968. Upon moving to Wisconsin in 1964 he met the love of his life, Millie Psenicka, and they were married on August 25, 1967.

In 1973 Dick joined Oshkosh Truck where he became Superintendent of Maintenance and later Manufacturing Project Manager until his retirement.

After retirement, he studied a two-year course with the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and was an ordained Lay Pastor with the First Presbyterian Church in Winneconne. In 2006 he volunteered as a chaplain with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, and in 2009 was appointed the Assistant Head Chaplain. On June 2, 2018, he retired due to Parkinson's Disease. He was an active member of the Free & Accepted Masonic Lodge #186 of Winneconne. As a mason he served as team coordinator for the Mason's Soccer All-Star games for 8 years. For 10 years he served as district lecturer for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Dick joined and as was active in the Tripoli Shriner's, the Winnebagoland Shrine Club, and the Mascoutin Shrine Club.

Dick enjoyed family vacations, making maple syrup, wood working, model railroads, radio-controlled model airplanes, hunting, and fishing.

Dick is survived by his wife of 54 years, Millie, daughter, Carol, grandson, Trevor Graf, both of New Berlin; sister, Norma Hoehne, of Oshkosh; and extended family, Jennifer, Jacob, and Jennalyn MacDonald.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his brother, Robert; and a son-in-law, Terry Graf.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Monday, January 3, 2022, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St. Winneconne. A funeral service will be held on Monday at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Ritchie Cole officiating. A Masonic service and military honors will follow. Interment will be at a later date in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Poygan.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established for the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

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