



Richard Eldridge

June 29, 1949 - December 19, 2018

Richard J. Eldridge passed unexpectedly on December 19, 2018. He was born on June 29th, 1949 in Wichita Falls, TX, the son of Jessie and Juanita Robison Eldridge.

He is survived by his wife Dorothea Miller Eldridge, daughters Jessica (Jonathan) Komarek, and Jennifer (Richard) Small, and grandchildren Mason and Elena Komarek.

He lived his childhood in Southern California, where he gained his love of the ocean. Joining the US Army in 1968, he spent his military career in Air Defense Artillery, acquiring the rank Chief Warrant Officer, maintaining the Nike Hercules Missile System and was instrumental in the initial deployment of PATRIOT Missile System. He continued his work with PATRIOT after his retirement in 1988, with employment in Raytheon's RTSC and IDS Divisions, and was enthusiastic in his logistic work involving the Hellenic PATRIOT project.

He was passionate about passing his knowledge onto others. He coached and mentored many soldiers in the U.S. Army, young athletes on his daughter's softball teams, and the ambitious workers in Team Rubicon. He enjoyed reading, traveling in his RV, and listening to Jimmy Buffet.

His internment at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to TEAM RUBICON at <https://teamrubiconusa.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Eldridge*

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *Richard Eldridge*

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ *I am Amy Eldridge, his first born daughter. How sad my brothers Josh, Jack and I weren't even mentioned in the obituary. We exist, even if this great man Rick and his new family tried to erase us. Heartbreaking.*

Amy Eldridge - November 20, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ *I spent time with Rick as a private, NCO in Patriot in the early years when he was a warrant.
Also shared time in Germany supporting his unit.
He was mentor, a great warrant, and most important a great man.
Always had a smile.
Rest in peace Rick, your in gods hand and still smiling down on the world from heaven.*

Roger Courtland - January 10, 2019 at 08:42 AM



“ *Rick and I shared many years together at RSC and MSD. What a true honor it was to be associated with Rick. RIP my friend.
Bobby Combs*

Bobby Combs - January 07, 2019 at 08:34 PM

BA


“ Rick mentored me at Raytheon on the Patriot Weapon system when I was a young Mechanical Engineer 30 years ago. I worked with him off and on for many years as he and I grew our positions at Raytheon. Rick was a Caring intelligent friend who will be missed by all who had the privilege to know and work with him. Godspeed my Friend. Bob Averill

Bob Averill - January 07, 2019 at 02:10 PM

MP

“ Want to send my condolences to the family and let you all know I was blessed to have known Rick, albeit for only a short time. Prayers go out to the family of a truly fine man!

Michael Pufall - January 07, 2019 at 10:03 AM

 Leala
Cain

“ Dottie and family, Our thoughts and prayers we extend to you during this time of loss. Just know that Rick was well liked and thought of highly.

David and Leala Cain

Leala Cain - December 28, 2018 at 07:26 PM

 Daniel
Cheshire

“ Lol delete my comment but you can't delete facts!

Daniel Cheshire - December 28, 2018 at 01:37 PM

TT

Did everyone forget about the first family?? Abandoned??

2 sons

1 daughter

4 grandsons

1 granddaughter

2 great-granddaughters

Truth Teller - December 29, 2018 at 12:33 AM

CS

“ *I grew up across the street from Richard , we went to Edison El and North High, in Torrance, CA. When I got my first car, he pumped gas and always checked the oil for me when he worked at the gas station on Prairie Ave and 182nd St. Such a truly nice, nice guy! I am so very sorry for your loss!*

Cathi Shimmin Spindler - December 28, 2018 at 08:58 AM

DL

“ *Dottie and family - My heart goes out to you all at this sad time. Rick was a great man and you were his support and companion. He truly loved his family and grand children. It is hard to believe this has happened. RIP Rick.*

Deb Lamm - December 28, 2018 at 12:23 AM



“ *we were high school buddies, and I won't forget the fun times we had. Sure glad I got to reconnect with you 4 years ago. You were still the same old great guy I remembered. Rest in Peace my friend. So sorry Dottie.*
Bill Morris

William Bill Morris - December 28, 2018 at 12:04 AM

ME

“ Dottie-you are such a light of love, joy and happiness. You have brought a smile to the faces of so many though your smile. Praying you continue to find joy in the small things and in all of the memories of your husband as you face this difficult time. Thinking of you and lifting you and your family up in prayer! xoxo Melissa Stutz

Melissa - December 26, 2018 at 06:21 PM

JA

“ Dottie and girls
Rick was just a warm wonderful man. You could see his love for all of you through his eyes, when you walked into a room. My prayers and thoughts are with you.
Janet Russo

JanetRusso - December 26, 2018 at 02:47 PM

PA

“ he was a great guy i met him when i did core ops in New Hampshire he was my mentor he will be greatly missed

peter adams - December 26, 2018 at 02:37 PM