
Richard Charles



Richard "Dick" Charles

Loving husband and father passed away peacefully in Honolulu, Hawaii on May 6, 2013. Born in Cleveland, Ohio on July 8, 1931 to Clara and Alfred Charles, moved to California as a teenager and graduated from Hayward High School in 1949. He served in the [U.S. Air Force](#) from 1950 - 1955. He took over his father's San Francisco Mechanical Engineering business in 1955 and later entered into a partnership with Robert H. Braun, calling the company Charles & Braun. Early in his career Dick became involved with The American Society of Heating & Refrigeration Engineers, better known as ASHRAE, serving as President from 1992 - 1993. He served on the Board of the Oakland Zoological Society as well as many years on the Board of Sequoyah Community Church in Oakland. Photography was his hobby as well as travel and spending time with family was his favorite pastime.

He is survived by his loving wife, Evangeline "Van" of 59 years, son Richard II (Cynthia), son Timothy (Lisa), son Craig (Lori), son Curt (Elisabeth), beloved grandchildren, Sarah (Nick), Jill, Cristina, Jonathan, Justin, Alexa, Casey, Julia, Nate and Madison; great-grandchildren, Olivia, Jonah & Maycie, the light of his life.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 18th at 10:30 a.m. at First Covenant Church, 4100 Redwood Rd. in Oakland. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dick's memory may be made to New Day For Children, P.O. Box 439 Alamo, CA 94507.

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