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**L**t. Col. (Retired) Richard D. Spears, Jr. of North Fort Myers, Florida, passed away Friday, March 31, 2017 in Hope Hospice, Cape Coral, Florida. He was 82. Richard was born August 21, 1934 in Springfield, Massachusetts; the beloved son of the late Richard Dudley Spears, Sr. and Elizabeth Spears. He joined the Air Force and served in Vietnam. After 20 years of service he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. After retirement he went back to school (Valencia College and Florida Institute of Technology) and received his masters degree in computer technology. Richard ultimately joined the faculty and began teaching computer technology at Florida Tech. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 25+ years, Joan Marie Spears and their son, Steve Spears. Richard is survived by his son, Scott Spears; a sister, Nancy Johnson and his five grandchildren, Nicholas, Christopher, Stephanie, Breana and Amber. Immediate funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family. Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home is serving the family. Online condolences and memories may be shared on his tribute page at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**Dave And Sharon Thomas** posted:

We were neighbors with Dick and Joan on Ridgeway in Orlando since 1978 until she passed and with Dick until his move to Ft Myers. My husband Dave and son David kept in contact and shared the love of sports, auto racing and talking about Ohio. We are saddened and regret just now hearing about his passing!

June 11 at 4:14 PM



**Robert Lara** posted:

I knew Richard(Dick Spears since 1995. I Met Dick at the YMCA in Dr Phillips. He was a dear friend. We spoke alot on the phone? And had breakfast every other Friday for over 20 years. I was with the 5th Special Force Group on Vietnam, I probably flew in his C130. Dick would joke about the fact, that we would drink up thier ice water on the plane.dick, you will be missed, good bye great warrior and war hero.until we meet again.

April 16 at 12:18 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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