



Richard "Dick" Poole

April 28, 1933 - January 25, 2015

Richard "Dick" Lewis Poole, 81, of 6 Glencreek Drive, died January 25, 2015 at his home.

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of the late William L. and Hazel Hartzke Poole, he was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of First Presbyterian Church, Greer.

Dick's grandfather, Roy Poole, was instrumental in sparking his interest in working with his hands. Roy took him with him, on school vacations and Saturdays, to his job sites as a plasterer. Dick used those skills and many more from books he read to construct decks and garages, do rewiring, and performed all other tasks needed in every home we owned. Roy also took him fishing off a pier on the Atlantic Ocean. His Aunt Margaret Poole encouraged him to continue his education after high school and provided funds for his first two years at Penn State University.

He graduated from Penn State with BS and MED degrees followed by a Phd from Syracuse University.

Dick started a high school group of Habitat for Humanity Volunteers in Athens, OH and continued volunteering for Habitat after retiring to SC.

His work years were all spent in education at the following: University of Buffalo, The Ohio State University, National College of Education in Illinois, Ohio University School of Osteopathic Medicine and Athens High School, Athens, OH.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Elsa Kornmuller Hunkins Poole of the

home; two daughters, Christine M. Poole of Union, Kentucky and Jennifer Hill (Eddie) of San Antonio, Texas; grandchildren, Marie and Megan Poole, Daniel and Emily Hill, Ollie Hill Schneemann (Cade); and great-grandchildren, Prather and Carter Schneemann.

A memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, Greer, conducted by Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters and Rev. Wayne Cole. Visitation will be held after the service at the church.

The family respectfully request that flowers be omitted and memorials be made to First Presbyterian Church Music Department, 100 School Street, Greer, SC 29651 or Penn State University Library Fund, 510 Paterno Library, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802.

Thank you to the staff and volunteers of Hospice of the Carolina Foothills, for their care of and compassion for Richard and our family since the beginning of December 2014.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Service

JAN 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Greer
100 School Street
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall

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“ Having worked along side Dick during his short tenure at the U. of Buffalo, I was truly sorry to see him leave. But I marvel at his work with Habitat, his long and happy marriage, and his devoted family. Dick was also a credit to our profession of teaching!

Howard Kight, Ph.D.
SUNY Buffalo (retired)
kight@buffalo.edu

Howard Kight - October 19, 2017 at 06:43 PM

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“ Dick was a good neighbor who was always willing to lend a hand. He was a hard worker and very meticulous at everything he did. He was also generous with his time as he did much volunteer work for Habitat. You will be missed Dick.

D. Phillips (neighbor)

David B. Phillips - January 28, 2015 at 12:08 PM

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“ He was fortunate to have such a loving and caring wife and family. We will keep you all in our prayers and please know Elsa, you are not alone. You have a lot of friends and we are just a phone call away. We will also pray for a safe trip back to their homes for the girls and families.

Jan and Paul (neighbors)

Jan Tennyson - January 27, 2015 at 07:15 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Poole.



January 27, 2015 at 12:53 PM