



Edward Richard Droesch

February 16, 1934 - December 10, 2024

E. Richard "Dick" Droesch, went home to be with our Lord, in the comfort of his home, at age 90, surrounded by his wife of 66 years and his 7 children. He was a beloved figure in the worlds of business and community and left behind a legacy of dedication and service to others. Born on February 16, 1934, the only child of Charlotte and Edward Francis Droesch, Dick resided in Laurel Hollow and Quogue, NY and Hobe Sound, Florida.

One of the early formative events in his life was his time at Northfield Mount Hermon School, where he developed a love for learning. This experience stayed with him throughout his life and shaped his approach to both business and his commitment to service.

Dick's academic journey continued at Lehigh University, where he laid the foundation for his successful career. After earning an engineering degree and participating in ROTC, Dick served in the United States Air Force. He then went to work at Grumman Aircraft Corporation but was soon drawn into his father-in-law Arthur Florence's building supply business. Dick rose to prominence as President of Florence Corporation, where his remarkable vision guided the company to new heights while fostering a culture of integrity and innovation. He eventually passed this thriving business to the third generation.

In addition to his business achievements, Dick coached his children's hockey teams, served as Mayor of the Village of Laurel Hollow and president of the Loblolly Club in Hobe Sound. He was also a board member of the Sturge-Weber Foundation and the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

A true renaissance man, Dick was intellectually curious about a wide range of subjects, including finance, car racing, wine and coin collecting, music and sports. His diverse interests made him a fascinating conversationalist and an enriching presence in the lives of those around him.

Dick was a devoted husband to Patricia (nee Florence). Throughout their marriage, they shared an unwavering love of their Catholic faith which served as a cornerstone for their commitment to one another, their family, and their community. Together, they created a nurturing home filled with love, laughter, and support. He is survived by his cherished children: Edward (Mary), Christine McCabe (Jim), Jane Holden (Rob), Jackie Brown (Todd), Patrick (Anne), Stephen (Jennifer), and Carol Manning (John). He is also survived by 22 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren, each of whom will carry forward the values he instilled and the love he shared. He was an inspiration, not just as a businessman but as a husband, father, and friend.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher Catholic Church
12001 SE Federal Hwy.
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Dick was a very smart and effective leader in both his business life as well as his community. Rarely do you come across a person who nobody has an ill-word for. He lead by example. He said what he meant, meant what he said and his word was his bond. A true friend and mentor. A life well lived. Rest easy, Mr. D.

Jeff Davoli - January 10, 2025 at 01:00 PM

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“ As Dicks cousin we have known each other as friends for 90 years. Dick was an example for me to follow and was always there for me. I will miss him and wish Pat and the children my love and prayers.
Don Droesch

Donald Alan Droesch - January 04, 2025 at 07:04 PM

MG

“ Very sorry to hear about Dick Droesch's passing. He was truly a great man. It's not often a man of such success can remain as humble and kind as he was. I hope he is at peace and watching over all that he has built over the years.

Michael George - December 19, 2024 at 12:58 PM