

VAN WERT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
113 W Central Ave, Van Wert, OH
A Memorial Service Celebrating the Life of

Richard G. “Dick” Waters Sr.
March 2, 1936 - December 26, 2022

VAN WERT, Ohio — Richard G. “Dick” Waters Sr., 86, of Van Wert, died at 9:48 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26, 2022, at Van Wert Manor. He was born March 2, 1936, in Flushing, Queens, New York, to the late Ethel A. Waters (Campbell) and George W. Waters. Dick was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 53 years, Janice “Jan” Waters (Scranton). They were married April 27, 1963. A sister, Barbara Dumas, and brother, George Waters, also predeceased him.

Other survivors include children, Richard G. (Sandy) Waters Jr. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Ted Waters of Van Wert, and Linda (Juan) DeJesus of Racine, Wisconsin; a brother-in-law, Richard (Peggy) Scranton of Chester, South Carolina; grandchildren, Amanda and Nicholas Waters, Emma (Keith) Cable, Anna Waters, Isabella, Elizabeth, Thomas, and Daniel DeJesus; and two great-grandchildren, Bailey Betterman and Jaxon Waters.

A veteran, Dick served his country proudly from 1959 to 1961 as an Army corporal in chemical warfare. He was a graduate of Springfield College with a bachelor's degree in education and New York University with a master's degree in safety.

Dick retired from Central Insurance in 1999 as an assistant vice president, loss control, after a long and happy career. He was a certified safety professional and enjoyed his association with the American Society of Safety Professionals.

Dick approached retirement with the same joy and purpose as every other aspect of his life. He and Jan enjoyed cruising to exotic locations, RV camping throughout the states, and spending ample time with their families who loved them with their whole hearts.

Dick had a larger-than-life presence. He loved his family joyfully and enjoyed being with everyone he met — especially his companion of late Betty Hill of Greenville, Ohio, as well as his golfing buddies on the course at Willow Bend.

An active member of First United Methodist Church, Dick served on multiple committees. He was a life member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 1197.

His family cherishes his memory and his profound impact on our lives. They will think of him and miss him every day but take comfort in his love and care for them.

His family would like to thank the staff of Van Wert Manor and the CHP Hospice team.

Preferred memorials are CHP Hospice.



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First United Methodist Church
113 W. Central St.
Van Wert, OH 45891
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A Celebration of Life of Richard G. Waters
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ENTRANCE

Prelude *Old Rugged Cross*
Gathering
The Words of Grace Pastor Chris Farmer
Opening Prayer
*Hymn: *How Great Thou Art* # 77, Vs 1, 3, 4
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE
Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:38-39; Isaiah 40:10-11; Matthew 11:28-30
Hymn: *What a Friend We Have In Jesus* # 526, vs 1, 2
Witness from Family/Friends: Rich Waters
Crossing the Bar by Alfred, Lord Tennyson Sandy Waters
Message of Hope and Life:
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
Hymn: *Onward Christian Soldiers* # 575 vs, 1, 5
Benediction
Postlude *Amazing Grace*

- *Memorial Gifts could be a financial gift to 'CHP Hospice',
1159 Westwood Drive, Van Wert*

*You are invited to a meal offered by the FUMC in the church's dining
hall after the gravesite service*

