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Rundle, Dick Austin Died peacefully in Dallas on August 7th, 2009 from complications related to cancer. Dick was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on November 21, 1930. He grew up in the many small oilfield towns that dotted the south and southwest areas of the US, and was proud to call Ames, Oklahoma “home.” Dick married Joan Wade of Sapulpa, Oklahoma in 1950. After graduating in 1953 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Oklahoma A&M (Oklahoma State University), he served four years in the US Army. Dick worked as an engineer, manager, and executive in the onshore and offshore oil and gas drilling industry in various locations around the world. Dick’s work took his family to Venezuela, Colombia, Libya, England, Oklahoma, and Texas. After retiring from Cactus International in the 1980s, Dick focused his attention on his true passions: his grandchildren, his woodworking and his golf. He was a longtime member of Northwood Club. In 1990 Dick began volunteering with the United States Golf Association as a rules official. His main work was organizing and running championship qualifying events in North Texas. He also had the good fortune of being invited to referee at the US Open and other major USGA championships. Because of his innovative work, the USGA selected Dick to receive its 2009 Joe Dey Award, the highest honor a volunteer can achieve. Dick was a gentleman in every sense of the word, greeting everyone he met with a smile and hearty handshake. He was tenacious in his beliefs and extraordinarily generous with his time and advice. Dick was preceded in death by Joan, his wife of 57 years; his son, John Rex; his sister, Jane Van Hooser; and his parents, Mabel and John Rundle. He will be greatly missed by his loving family members: daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Sam Hyde of Irving; daughter, Elaine Tricoli of Cedar Hill; daughter, Ann Rundle of Dallas; grandson and wife, John and Nicki Hyde of Keller; and granddaughter, Laura Tricoli of Frisco. A funeral service will be held at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas on August



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12th at 12:30 PM. Visitation will be at Restland on August 11th from 6-8 PM. Burial will be in Ames Cemetery, Ames, Oklahoma. Instead of sending flowers, Dick's girls think he would be pleased if those wishing to do so would make a donation to the American Cancer Society or a favorite charitable organization. .



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OP

Ophelia posted:

For you have our deepest sympathy, as I too feel the pain and the loss of your Dad. Condolences from our family to yours. May God Bless each of you. Take care Ann. Friends always, Ophelia, Herman, Monica & Bianca Salinas.

August 11 at 10:07 AM

SH

Steve Van Hooser posted:

I remain proud of coining the name "Dinkle Dick" . . . one of many unintentional accomplishments of my life. But one that endeared me to my Uncle Dick and he to me. A very early memory was a Dinkle Dick visit to Bogota when he gave me a Panel and Girder set. I was (am) all about getting presents. And this one was unique-in two ways. First, I've never since found another like it. Second, it cleverly allowed a four year old to design and erect the beams and girders of a building and then add window panels. It was my fascination with this toy that convinced Dinkle Dick that I was destined to become an engineer. Alas, I disappointed by choosing to be a mere lawyer. Dinkle Dick's obituary accurately states that "[h]e was tenacious in his beliefs." Tenacious he was indeed. I remember several spirited discussions with him at his Cactus International office, challenging why I would chose a profession "that doesn't build anything." He made me think; he made me defend my decision. Somehow I imagine myself a better lawyer for having had to justify the merits of my chosen profession to Dinkle Dick. Over the years we shared a lot in common: love of drafting when I was a high school junior, and an interest in the offshore drilling business, which started in college when I worked on Cactus 101 four summers in a row. Even today, as a natural gas lawyer whose employer owns offshore assets, I retain a strong interest in the offshore oil and gas business, thanks in large part to Dinkle Dick. Thanks for your broad influence on my life. I will miss our lively discussions. At least I can be happy in knowing that you are with my Mother and all those wonderful relatives whose lives were connected with Ames, Oklahoma.

August 10 at 10:39 AM

AF

Ann Foster posted:

Such a wonderful friend to me and my daughters, We have such happy and fun memories especially when we were next door in Maracaibo. Happy times that I like to remember. I feel a terrible loss.

August 9 at 9:06 AM



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SC

Susan Foster Cochran posted:

Dear Susan, Elaine and Ann, My heart goes out to you at this sad time. Mr. Rundle was such a kind man and it gave me a lot of comfort to see him and your mother at my dad's funeral. I hope wonderful memories of him will help you in the days to come. Love, Susan

August 8 at 6:44 PM

JH

Juli Van Hooser posted:

We love you all and will be there soon. Steve, Juli, James and Meredith

August 8 at 6:33 PM

DI

Diana posted:

I will miss my Dinkle Dick. But I know Mother and Michael welcomed him with open and loving arms and that the three of them are already deep in conversation and musings about all the interesting things they loved to talk about. I am so sorry Rundles, Hydes and Tricolis. He was a great daddy, uncle and friend. I look forward to giving you all big hugs and remembering all the wonderful times together. We love you, Diana, Elizabeth and Sarah

August 8 at 11:22 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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