



Dr. Richard M. Mooney

November 7, 1933 - November 16, 2019

Dr. Richard M. Mooney passed from this life on Saturday, November 16, 2019 in Plano, Texas surrounded by his loving daughters, Madeline Mooney Yates of Frisco, Texas, Catherine Mooney-Burton of McKinney, Texas, and Rosanna Mooney Greene of Frisco, Texas. He is preceded in death by his wife, the late Maureen King Norris Mooney of Blytheville, Arkansas, and his parents, the late George and Madeline Mooney of New York City. Survivors include his daughters mentioned above and his grandchildren, Ryan Norris Burton, United States Navy, John Franklin Coulter of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Bianca Frances Burton of McKinney, Texas and Michael Austin Greene of Frisco, Texas. He is also survived by sons-in-law, Dr. Paul E. Burton of McKinney, Texas and Steven Yates of Frisco, Texas, as well as his sister, Madeline Mooney Tully and brother Dennis Mooney and his wife Joyce, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins of New York, Connecticut, and North Carolina. Dr. Mooney was born in New York City and educated at Cardinal Hayes High School, Manhattan College (B.S. Electrical Engineering), Southern Methodist University (MBA), and the University of Texas at Dallas (Ph.D Management Science). A Captain in the United States Air Force, during the Korean War, his early business career was spent with General Electric working in the aerospace division on missiles and satellites which prepared him for later work on Air Force One and NASA's Space Shuttle program. He left General Electric after 15 years to join Recognition Equipment in Irving, Texas to develop new businesses and run the factory and manufacturing of the optical character readers which were just being utilized in the credit card industry at the time. In 1981, he joined Gates Learjet as Vice President and General Manager of the Aerospace Division in Wichita, Kansas. Dr. Mooney's final career move took him to beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah as President of Eaton-Kenway Corporation, a maker of automated storage and retrieval systems for factories and warehouses. His work there included the development of some of the components for The Tower of Terror at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Throughout his life, Dr. Mooney was known for his sharp intellect and wit. A voracious reader and history buff, his pastimes included classic movies, all kinds of puzzle solving, swimming and rescuing his daughters' many pets throughout the years. He and his late wife also enjoyed European travel and the opera and were members of the Inner Circle of The Dallas Opera for many years. The Mooney girls wish to

thank his caregiving team and neighbors, especially Dani, the Thompsons and the Bubbases for their efforts on behalf of their father. Private services were held on Monday, November 18, 2019. Memorials may be made to Cardinal Hayes High School (<https://alumni.cardinalhayes.org>) and The Dallas Opera (email: development@dallasopera.org).

Comments



“ I met Catherine in 4th grade. I first met her father as he & Maureen were preparing costumes for an upcoming Halloween party; they were dressed as Hippies. I had a brother who was a Hippie at the time, so I recognized the look. I asked if this was her brother? From this point on, I was forever recognized (by Dr. Mooney) as one of Catherine’s more sage friends... Through the years I was so impressed with the relationship Dr. Mooney shared with his daughters – example: he picked out birthday & Christmas presents for the girls – really, a Dad (and Engineer?)! There has always been an enviable and cherished relationship between the Mooney father and daughters. Dr. Mooney leaves a lasting legacy. Fond memories, Dawn

Dawn Brubaker - November 17, 2019 at 11:26 AM