



Mr Richard Paul Litter

November 30, 1932 - July 25, 2016

Richard Paul (Dick) Litter, 83, was called into the Lord's arms on July 25, 2016, with his family by his side in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

He was born November 30, 1932, in Windsor, Connecticut, to John and Gertrude Litter. Dick grew up with his older brothers, Jack and Don and as each one turned 14 they began working in the tobacco fields. The family tradition was spending their summers at Westbrook, CT. He graduated from Loomis Chaffe High School and graduated from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. After college, he moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with his best friend, Pete Mankias to run the family bowling alley. He took a change of careers and began working as an underwriter at CNA Insurance in Winter Park, Florida, where he built his career for 40 years. It was at this job where he met his wife of 49 years, Lila DeVault. They settled down in Altamonte Springs, Florida, and soon were blessed with two daughters, Tina Marie and Julie Anne.

He was an active member of Saint Mary Magdalen since 1965 and volunteered with the church visiting homebound and assisting with the many needs of neighbors, friends, and church members up until the end. Dick and Lila provided a home (aka The Litter Lodge) where everyone was considered family. Dick never liked to stay still and his passion for helping others brought comfort to countless people. Dick was often described as a man "who you loved at hello." He loved being outdoors and he and his wife spent many weekends boating or water skiing with their friends, Woody and Angela

Powers. Dicks friends Wayne Strickland and John Kelly had a tradition of taking all the children trick or treating and their annual fishing trips together on the St. Johns River were an experience to say the least.

Dick was blessed again with two granddaughters who absolutely adored their Pop-Pop. He relished at planning great vacations for his family and always coming up with the most fun and adventure for everyone involved. Truly a family man, Dick put everyone's needs first and was deeply appreciated and loved for his God given gifts.

He is survived by his wife, Lila; his daughters Tina Litter and Julie Shelton, his two granddaughters Brianna and Ashleigh Shelton; his brother John Litter and his wife Carolyn Litter; his 2 nieces and 2 nephews; 3 great nieces and 2 great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Gertrude Litter, his brother, Don Litter; and his great niece, Katie Foley.

The family will be receiving friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2016, at the DeGusipe funeral home in Maitland followed by funeral service Saturday, July 30th, 2016 at 2:00 at St. Mary Magdalen, Maitland, FL. The family has asked in lieu of flowers that donations be made in the name of Richard Paul Litter to Hospice of the Comforter, 605 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

JUL **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
861 Maitland Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
(407) 831-1212
<http://www.stmarymagdalen.org>

Tribute Wall

DL

“ Dick and I met in Zoology Lab our freshman year at Oberlin College. They paired lab partners by last name so Litter and Linden was why. In November I told him my birthday was soon and he said mine too. Come to find out it was the same day 11/30/1932. We became good friends and I spent a summer living with his parents when I got a job in Hartford after our senior year. I travelled to Florida about once a month when I worked at Lockheed- Martin and got to see him and Lila a lot. I had just called him less than a month ago. A sad day for me. Love and prayers to you Lila and the girls.
Don Linden

Don Linden - August 11, 2016 at 06:24 PM

MM

“ Much love Glenn, Sherrie and Casey MacDermod purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr Richard Paul Litter.



Much love Glenn, Sherrie and Casey MacDermod - July 29, 2016 at 11:27 PM



“ I knew Dick on a professional basis. We first met in 1981 when CNA transferred me to the Orlando branch office. Dick was one of the most knowledgeable commercial casualty underwriters I've ever encountered. He was an enormous help to me and I learned so much from him. He had an unassuming way about him. I soon learned that when Dick answered an underwriting question by saying “I believe such and so” in reality he knew exactly what the answer was. In addition to being a valued employee, he was a genuinely nice guy. Our sympathies to his dear family. Bill Mahar

Bill Mahar - July 29, 2016 at 06:58 PM

SU

“ I've known Dick & Lila for over 50 years. They lived next door to us in 436 when 436 was a beautiful 2 lane road with a side walk down the middle. I use to baby sit for Tina when she was a baby. My fondest memory of Dick is a funny one. My dad standing in the kitchen started laughing, it was Thanksgiving day. Mom looked and said ah Dick go help him. There was Dick trying to climb up the slope from the lake and not very successful at it. So Dad went out and helped Dick up from the lake. Dick wasn't feeling anything then but Dad said he would be feeling it the next day! Dad and Dick often laughed about that day and the "mountain" Dick was trying to climb. I love you Dick Litter, you had a kind heart with a good sense of humor. Peace be with you.

susy - July 29, 2016 at 11:34 AM

DG

“ Dick was fun and so caring about other people. We met him through Carolyn and Jack and although we only met him on a few occasions we felt as though we had known him a long time. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Dot & Frank Gower

Dot Gower - July 29, 2016 at 10:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr Richard Paul Litter.



July 28, 2016 at 05:01 PM

WS

“ Dick and Lila were neighbors who welcomed us to our first home. We became lifelong friends and our kids grew up together. Many happy and wacky memories. RIP friend.

Wayne & Maggie Strickland - July 28, 2016 at 01:52 PM

JC

“ Mr. Litter was such a kind, generous and loving person. I will always have fond memories of him, and my heartfelt prayers go out to his family.



jennifer carr - July 27, 2016 at 08:49 PM



“ I knew Dick years ago when he would serve at the Noon Mass at St James Cathedral: always a pleasant and prayerful man. It was an honor to know him. Prayers that he is with the Lord now. God bless you, Dick.

R - July 27, 2016 at 04:18 PM



“ Wayne & Maggie Strickland purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr Richard Paul Litter.



Wayne & Maggie Strickland - July 27, 2016 at 01:15 PM



“ Well Done, faithful servant of the Lord is the greeting Uncle Dick received on Monday in Heaven. Love YOU ALL. See you soon! Janet

Janet Foley - July 26, 2016 at 02:49 PM