



## Richard T. "Dick" Adams

August 23, 1940 - July 17, 2024

Richard T. "Dick" Adams, 83, of Elizabethtown, PA, passed away at home with his family by his side. He was the son of the late Harold and Vernica I. (Mikowychok) Adams. Dick was the loving husband of Lori (Marshall) Adams for 41 years. Dick proudly served our Country in the United States Air Force from 1959-1962. He was a 1958 graduate of Hershey High School. Dick started his work career at the Elizabethtown Chronicle as a linotype operator and later worked for AMP Inc. where he retired in 1998. Dick was involved with Drum Corps his entire life, starting with the Elizabethtown Moose Cadets, Westshoremens Sr. Drum & Bugle Corps, Hershey Chocolatiers, and eventually ending with Reilly Raiders Alumni Corps. He was the contest chairman of the Hershey Invitational at Hershey Stadium from 1974-1982 and was Chairman of the DCA at Hershey Stadium from 1979-1980. In addition to Drum Corps, he also enjoyed boating, music, Nascar, and his loving friends and

family.

In addition to his loving wife, Lori, he is survived by his two children, Rich M. Adams, husband of

Leann, of Seattle, and Debbie Wallen, wife of Eric, of East Berlin; seven grandchildren, Erica

Holko, Bree Frampton, Drew Adams, Collin Adams, Garrett Adams, Mitchell Adams, and

Madison Wallen; and three great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life honoring Dick will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 12:00 PM at the

Carpenters Chapel, located at the Masonic Conference Center (Patton Campus), 1244

Bainbridge Rd., Elizabethtown, PA 17022. The family will receive guests at the chapel from

11:00 AM until the time of the service. The family invites guests to attend a celebration from

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the Elizabethtown Moose, 126 Maytown Rd., Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

Interment will be held privately and at the convenience of the family in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

60 Indiantown Gap Road  
Annaville, PA 17003

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Carpenters Chapel at Masonic Village  
1244 Bainbridge Road  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

## Celebration of Life Service

JUL 20. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Carpenters Chapel at Masonic Village  
1244 Bainbridge Road  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

## Celebration

JUL 20. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Elizabethtown Moose  
126 Maytown Road  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022



# Tribute Wall

MH

“ We are very sad to learn of Dick's passing. Prayers and condolences to Lori, Rich, Debbie, and all of the family and his friends. I moved away from E-town 50 years ago and did not keep up. But I enjoyed hearing stories and updates from his mother and my mother (his aunt). The thing I remember vividly was his parents' tremendous love and pride in him, Lori, and the children. Mary Ibberson Hill

---

**Mary Hill** - July 25, 2024 at 11:30 AM

CS

“ I was a young teenager back in the early 1970's growing up in Marietta. Parents were divorced. Somehow my Mother found out about Dick. I had attended many D and B Corp competitions with mom. Next thing I know, Dick is picking me up to go to practice in Hershey. Suddenly I was a baritone horn and a baritone bugle horn player. I played in many parades over the years with Dick and the Chocolatiers. Lost contact when I enlisted in 1976. I learned many valuable life lessons from Dick and the guys. Especially tolerance of others from Dick. A great man Dick was. Feel privileged to have known him.

*Chuck Simmons*

---

**Chuck Simmons** - July 21, 2024 at 10:50 AM

JS

“ I have personally known Dick since the Hershey Chocolatiers D&B Corps reorganized 1972-73. We shared a passion for the drum and bugle corps activity and remained friends throughout the years since. Dick was a fine musician and friend and will be missed by all of us that hold dear to the music and artistry of drum and bugle corps.

---

**John Sando** - July 20, 2024 at 03:07 PM

MB

“ I played mellophone next to Dick for many years in the Reilly Raiders. He was an awesome mello player and an amazing person! I am very thankful to have known him.

---

**Merry Bac** - July 19, 2024 at 07:51 PM

RD

“ My wife Millie and I have been neighbors of Dick for 6 years we enjoyed hearing him play music when we first moved here. also enjoyed talking to him over the years as he went on his walks.. We will miss him and condolences to Lori, Bob and Millie

---

**robert a dewalt** - July 19, 2024 at 01:04 PM

JI

“ Always enjoyed great conversation, and a Manhattan, with Dick! Sympathies and Prayers that the Holy Spirit will provide comfort and peace to Lori and all their family.

---

**Jim** - July 19, 2024 at 12:31 PM

DC

“ *Very sorry for your loss. As a high schooler in the late 70's I was in the Hershey Chocolatiers for two years and he made me feel welcome. I really looked up to him.*

---

**David Cooper** - July 19, 2024 at 10:25 AM