



## Richard Carl Kugler

August 15, 2024

Richard C. Kugler, 76, of Center Valley, passed away on August 15, 2024 in St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem. He was the husband of Linda J. (White) Kugler. They were married for 43 years last October. Richard taught the fifth grade at Hopewell Elementary for the Southern Lehigh School District until retiring. In his last two years of teaching, he was an instructional support teacher for the district. Born in Allentown, he was the son of the late Edward J. and Elizabeth J. "Betty" (Bertsch) Kugler. He was a 1972 graduate of Kutztown University. He received his masters degree and principal certificate from Lehigh University. Richard was a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War. He received the National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device. He was a 32nd Degree Mason with the Saucon Masonic Lodge #469 in Coopersburg. He recently received his 50-year membership pin from the Lodge. Richard was a member of the Edward H. Ackerman American Legion Post #397 in Hellertown. He was an avid golfer, belonged to a golf league and loved to golf at Silver Creek Golf Club and Wedgewood. Richard and his father built his home he currently resides in and loved being out on his property gardening. He was a long-time member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Allentown.

Survivors: Wife, Son: Timothy A. Shirk and his wife Laura M. of Center Valley, Granddaughter: Sophia A. Shirk of Center Valley, Nephew: Jonathan

Whetstone of Lansdale, Cousins and Nieces and Nephews on Linda's side of the family. He was preceded in death by a Sister: Joanne Whetstone and a Nephew: Jeremy Whetstone.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 11 A.M. in St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 1040 Flexer Ave. Allentown. A calling hour will be held on Saturday, from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. in the Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to St. Thomas More Catholic Church 1040 Flexer Ave. Allentown, PA 18103 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl. Memphis, TN 38105.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

1500 Airport Rd.  
Allentown, PA 18109

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
1040 Flexer Ave.  
Allentown, PA 18103

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dick and I were best buds since Southern Lehigh High School where we met. We played BBall together and shared MANY life experiences. We also attended Bloomsburg State College together until I transferred to Penn State to follow a coach. We kept in touch through the years and all of a sudden we were retired and aging more quickly than we thought it should take. One of many fond remembrances was gathering in his basement while in High School where his Dad, Easy Ed, kept a regulation sized pool table and a fridge full of Michelob beer for all of us to enjoy....and did we ever!! You will be missed my friend....but never forgotten. Rest in peace Buddy.

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**Charles Moyer** - August 21, 2024 at 03:38 PM