



Dr. Richard Carlton Tilton

November 28, 2017

Dr. Richard Carlton Tilton, 81, of Farmington, husband of Evelyn Elaine (MacPherson) Tilton, died at home Tuesday, November 28, 2017. Born in Quincy, MA, the son of the late Loren H. and Christine (Nicholson) Tilton, Richard grew up in Braintree, MA. He graduated from Tufts University, Class of 1958, and served with USMC before continuing his studies at Boston College and University of Massachusetts and earning a PhD in Microbiology. In 1965, Dr. Tilton took a position at the University of Connecticut, Storrs Campus. He later moved with the University to McCook Hospital in Hartford and then in 1971 to the newly built University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, where he would retire as the Director of Clinical Microbiology in 1988. After retirement, Dr. Tilton continued to work and consult as Chief Scientific Officer for several diagnostic labs. He also was the Editor in Chief of the Journal of Clinical Microbiology for several years.

Dick and Elaine raised their family in Burlington, CT prior to moving to Farmington in 1993. Dick was an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he sang in the choir and served as an Elder. He was a talented musician and avid sailor with an adventurous spirit.

Dick was a caring husband and beloved father, brother, and grandfather. Besides Elaine, his wife of 59 years, he leaves three children, Robyn Elaine Ott and her husband Thomas of Coopersburg, PA, Peter Marshall Tilton and his companion Jillian Cooney of Groton, CT, and Kristen Susan Fallon and her companion John McKenna of Essex, VT; his brother Roger L. Tilton and his wife Pauline of Columbia, SC; and five grandchildren, Ashley, Haley, Madison, Tyler, and Emily. He was predeceased by his son Todd Richard Tilton in 1991.

A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2080 Boulevard, West Hartford with the Rev. Julie Emery officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Todd Tilton Music Scholarship Fund, c/o Westminster Presbyterian Church. Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, West Hartford has care of arrangements. For online condolences and

directions, please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com.

Events

DEC **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Westminster Presbyterian Church
2080 Boulevard, West Hartford, CT, US, 06107

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Janet Good - January 11, 2018 at 09:19 PM



“ We met Dick and Elaine on a Tufts Alumni trip to Tuscany in 2008. A group of us, became fast friends and met annually for a reunion at the Sole Proprietor in Worcester. It was something we looked forward to every year. We were truly saddened to hear of his passing. He was a good person and a very bright and interesting man. We shall miss him. I am attaching a copy of our last reunion photo. Sincere condolences to you and your family, Elaine. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Linda and Jeff Sheldon - January 05, 2018 at 06:32 PM



“ Heartfelt condolences, Elaine, from Jimmy and Diane Koczat.
" DR. T " was a special boss, mentor and friend. He will always be remembered.

jimmy koczat - December 13, 2017 at 07:10 PM



“ Dear Elaine, Pete & Family,
We are so saddened to learn of Dick's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathies. We are all keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

The Helbig Family and NVB Crew

Betty Helbig - December 01, 2017 at 09:29 PM



“ Dear Elaine and Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Dick was an important part of my life. His willingness to jump in as our lab director for 6 months turned in to over 10 memorable years.
It is with deep affection and gratitude that I will always remember him.
Barbara Osband

Barbara Osband - December 01, 2017 at 01:54 PM



“ Karen A. Voellinger sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Richard Carlton Tilton



Karen A. Voellinger - December 01, 2017 at 12:47 PM



“ Robyn and Family,

Thinking of you, wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow, comfort in the midst of pain.

Warmest Condolences.

~ Karen

Karen A. Voellinger - December 01, 2017 at 12:51 PM



“ Dear Tilton Family,

When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. May you take comfort in knowing that you have an angel to watch over you now.

He will be truly missed. May the love of family and friends comfort you during these difficult days.

I extend my most sincere condolences to you.

Barbara Markley



Barbara - November 30, 2017 at 08:20 PM