



## Richard George "Dick" Bautch

November 21, 1939 - May 4, 2020

Richard George "Dick" Bautch, 80, of Houston, TX passed unexpectedly at home on Monday, May 4, 2020. Dick was born November 21, 1939 in Wabasha, MN to the late Adolph L. and Evelyn (Urnes) Bautch of Independence, WI. The eldest of six children, he was raised in Nelson, WI, and graduated from Alma High School in 1957. Dick played basketball and baseball at Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire and graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison in 1962 with a Bachelors of Civil Engineering. He later obtained an MBA from the University of San Francisco in 1971.

Dick began his career in 1962 as an engineer in the refineries of the Standard Oil Company (now Chevron Oil Corporation) in Richmond, CA, and retired from his 32-year career at Chevron in Houston as an executive of Crude Oil Marketing and Trading. Dick married Deborah Sidwell in 1964 (later divorced) and had four children. Following his retirement, he earned a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification and worked part-time as a Property Appraisal Review Board Member for Harris County in Houston.

Throughout his life, Dick had many interests. He built many functional pieces of furniture and also fun things for his children during his woodworking phase. While living in Moraga, CA, he camped in Yosemite, skied in Tahoe and explored the rugged Northern California coast with kids in tow. Upon being transferred to Houston, TX, Dick would take refuge from the heat and humidity by hiking in the Rocky Mountains, which included a 14,000 ft trek up Long's Peak.

Later in life Dick took up cooking (Italian dishes were his specialty) and began participating in the local 4th of July parade with one of his two 1930's Packards. He travelled overseas several times and was thrilled to see his mother's homeland of Norway on his most recent excursion last summer. Dick put his engineering and woodworking skills to use as he served with his church on mission trips, which included Habitat for Humanity. He also spent many years mentoring at-risk youth at a local high school as well as through the SWAP program at his church. Dick particularly enjoyed the friendship and comradery of his Wilchester neighbors, Chapelwood Sunday school group, and fellow

athletes at the Glazier Community Center Boot Camp. He will be missed.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Suzanne (Bautch) Koscielecki, Barbara (Bautch) Hartman, and Robert Bautch. He is survived by his children Cathy (Keary) Castleberry of San Antonio, TX; Jimmy Bautch of Houston, TX; Dan (Suzanne) Bautch of Austin, TX; Karen (Jason) Hardin of Oakwood, TX; and nine grandchildren Christy, Kyle, and Katie Castleberry; Jackson, Ava, Austin, and Reid Bautch; Lindsey and Marshall Hardin. Dick is also survived by brothers David (Sonja) Bautch of Alma, WI; Thomas Bautch of Nelson, WI; and sister-in-law Susan (Terry) Bautch of Evanston, IL.

Dick is interred at Chapelwood United Methodist Church where he was a long-time, active member.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, August 3, 2020, in the sanctuary of Chapelwood United Methodist Church, 11140 Greenbay St., Houston, TX.

Social distancing rules are in place at this time so all attendees will need to RSVP to be admitted to the service. To be added to the attendee list, please send your name and the names of anyone accompanying you to [cberry65@hotmail.com](mailto:cberry65@hotmail.com) by July 20, 2020.

In addition, please wear a mask until you are seated inside the sanctuary. The family will announce the location of a reception honoring Dick after the service.



# Comments

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“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard George "Dick" Bautch.



August 01 at 12:53 PM

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“ Beckie Brown lit a candle in memory of Richard George "Dick" Bautch



**Beckie Brown** - July 01 at 11:45 AM

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“ I've just learned of Dick's passing and wanted to send a quick note to family. I met Dick at Chapelwood in the Singles group and enjoyed the Halloween Costume parties and Easter brunches at his home in Houston. He was a kind and caring servant and will be truly missed. I'm sure he is already planning social gatherings in Heaven! My sincere condolences to the family for your loss.  
God Bless You All.  
Beckie Brown

**Beckie Brown** - July 01 at 11:44 AM

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“ Just learned of your death Dick. You were truly an outstanding friend. Peace to you.

**Dawn Martin** - June 13 at 01:49 PM

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“ Dick was a long-time friend of mine. We talked almost everyday during the quarantine.  
He will be truly missed.

John Jansen

John Jansen - June 10 at 11:46 PM

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“ I met Dick at Chapelwood Methodist Church in the singles group. He was always ready to help in any way possible. He was very gracious to have us in his home for many Easter brunches and other occasions. He will be missed.

Betty Mullins - June 02 at 02:09 PM

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“ I first met Dick in Sunday School at Chapelwood. We volunteered together in the SWAP program. He was likeable, had a good heart, and truly seemed to enjoy life to the fullest. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He will be missed by many dear friends!

Billie Landrum

Billie Landrum - May 30 at 12:56 PM

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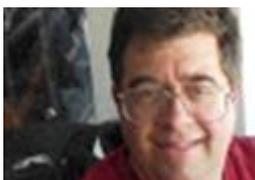
“ My name is Michael Wolford. Mother is Nancy Wolford. We went to Trini Mendenhall Community Center for exercise classes, Monday Wednesday and Friday

We visited in the hospitality room, before the class with the other visitors

Before the virus closed the community center.

Dick showed everybody his NASA socks and burger and fries socks.

Michael Wolford  
(713) 467-9856  
mjwsbw499v@att.net



Michael Wolford - May 26 at 02:44 AM

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“ I meet Dick through SWAP. He was such a great mentor to these kids. The way he communicated to these kids was inspiring. Well done good and faithful servant!

Ann - May 25 at 09:53 AM

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“ I am sorry to hear of Dick's death. He welcomed people into his home for celebrations over and over again. He excelled at leadership and hospitality. My condolences to his family.

Charlotte McNulty

Charlotte McNulty - May 25 at 02:00 AM

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Diane Atwood - May 22 at 05:20 PM

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“ Dick has been a very special friend of mine for the past ten years and I will miss him greatly.

In October 2019, Dick celebrated his 80th birthday with all his family and close friends. It was with great joy for Dick to be with all his brothers, children, their spouses, and especially his grandchildren.

Dick was very proud of his Norwegian heritage. Last year we visited Norway and he really enjoyed visiting the Viking Museum in Oslo.

Nancy Ennis

Nancy R Ennis - May 22 at 03:36 PM

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“ Dick was one of the pillars our Sunday School program at our church for over 22 years

Dick, we will miss your intelligence, sense of humor, and desire to help others. I also remember how you supported the SWAP and SAP programs sponsored by our church, by helping to counsel middle school and high school students in the Spring Branch School District; and how you reached-out to fellow Sunday School members. You will be greatly missed.

Wishing many blessings always for your wonderful children and grand-children.

by Lisa Milam, part of Dick's church family

Lisa Milam - May 21 at 07:21 AM

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“ Dick and I became good friends, late in life, about the last 5 years anyway. We not only shared an interest in antique cars, tools and old machines but were in the process of finding many more mutual interests in this life. We spoke often on the phone because of the pandemic and almost daily found many more things to explore together. Had we been 7 and 10-year-olds, I could see a very long deep relationship as good friends. It Breaks my heart to unexpectedly lose Dick, but as the Bible promises, we'll see each other another day.

My deepest sympathy goes to the large family and many friends & neighbors, but be assured that Dick, as a solid Christian, felt very Blessed in this life and knew well where he was going.

Dale Muenzler, a friend

Dale Muenzler - May 20 at 04:53 PM

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“ Dick and I became acquainted through the Sunday School Class. We started out as friends and ended as friends. When I first met Dick he was president of the class. He was always quick to introduce himself to anyone new to the class and introduce them to others. He served as president to the class for 20+ years. His natural ability to lead combined with a wonderful sense of humor made the classroom engaging and light hearted. Dick became my dear, life long friend and I will greatly miss his presence in my life. My love, admiration and deepest sympathy go to Cathy, Jimmy, Dan and Karen as well as his precious grandchildren.

Becky Kenney

Becky Kenney - May 19 at 03:56 PM