



Richard Lee Doehring

January 3, 1943 - November 17, 2022

Richard Lee Doehring, 79, of Houston passed away November 17, 2022 surrounded by family and friends. He was born January 3, 1943, in San Antonio, Texas to the late Sweeney and Mildred Doehring.

Richard was a 1961 graduate of the Kinkaid School. After graduation he attended Trinity University in San Antonio where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, graduating in 1966. During his time at Trinity, he continued his love for flying by spending every possible moment between classes at the airport flying or helping others with their planes.

Upon graduation from Trinity University he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and spent four years on active duty. As a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War, he flew over 700 hours in the Cobra helicopter in the elite 361st Aviation Escort Company "Pink Panther" unit, was shot down three times, wounded once, and escaped enemy capture. During his service to our country, he was awarded various honors, including the Bronze Star. He remained a member of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association attending numerous reunions with his military family.

Upon his release from active duty, he was employed as an aircraft salesman, flight instructor, and officer/pilot in the U.S. Army Reserve. He achieved the

rank of Major and commanded the 273d Med Det based at Hooks Airport.

While in the U.S. Army Reserves he attended law school at South Texas College of Law from which he graduated in 1974. He was admitted to the Texas Law Association in 1975, at which time he began his law practice and eventually founded the law firm of Doehring and Doehring, where he was joined by his late brother, Sweeney Doehring. He continued to practice law over the years and was later joined by his nephew, David R. Doehring, who has taken the helm of Doehring and Doehring, PLLC. Richard practiced law relating to probate matters. He has been privileged to have been appointed as an Administrator, Receiver, Guardian, and ad litem in numerous probate matters from all four Probate Courts in Harris County, as well as numerous courts throughout Texas. He had bar associations with the U.S. Tax Court, U.S. District Court, and U.S. Court of Appeals 5th Circuit. He has held certifications for Attorney and Guardian Ad Litem Certification since 1975 and Veterans Administration Certification, Department of Veterans Affairs since 2014. He was member of the Houston Bar Association and Lawyer Pilot's Bar Association.

Aviation was always a primary aspect of Richard's life. On weekends you would always find him at the airport working on his beloved Piper Comanche, helping others with their planes, or taking a flight himself. He held a Commercial Pilots License from the FAA, along with Mechanic, Flight Instructor and Inspection Authorization certifications. Additionally, he held a Restricted Radio/Telephone Operator Permit from the FCC. He was a wonderful teacher – teaching and supporting many friends in obtaining their flying license or Mechanics and Flight Instructors certifications. He was a source of information and knowledge of numerous type planes, their history, and mechanical aspects – making him the go to person for other aviation enthusiasts.

Richard was a storyteller. The stories he told were endless and reflected events and persons he had experienced in his life. Richard was a wonderful and loving father, grandfather, husband, and companion. He was a man of strong convictions and was ready to defend the United States and what it stands for at any moment. He touched many lives during his lifetime, all of whom has known a man that was caring, intelligent, and ready to help others.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Penny Patricia Doehring, his brothers Sweeney Jamison Doehring, Jr. and Dan Etter Doehring, and his sister Ann Krenek. He is survived by his girlfriend, Sharon Fisher, his son, Brian Frederick Doehring and his wife Season Cathleen Doehring, granddaughter Teagan Brianne Doehring, son Christoph Sweeney Doehring and his wife Amber Jean Doehring, Brian and Christoph's mother Suzanne Doehring Carmichael, sisters-in-law Sally Walston Doehring, Eileen Whiteside Doehring, and Dorothy "Dotty" Richbourg, and brothers-in-law Dale Krenek and Steven Thrower and his wife Mary Thrower, as well as a number of nieces and nephews.

A viewing and visitation will be held Sunday, December 4, 2022 from 5 to 8 PM, at Dettling Funeral Home 14094 Memorial Dr. Houston, TX 77079. The Funeral Service will be held Monday, December 5, 2022 at 10:00 AM at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church 12955 Memorial Dr. Houston, TX 77079 with reception to follow. Richard will be laid to rest at Houston National Cemetery following reception.

In lieu of flowers friends and family are encouraged to provide donations to Wounded Warriors, The Battleship Texas Foundation, or your personal choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
12955 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX
<http://www.mdumc.org>

Graveside Service Following Reception

DEC 5. 1:15 PM (CT)

VA Houston National Cemetery
10410 Veterans Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77038-1502
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Lee Doehring*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Richard Lee Doehring*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Richard Lee Doehring*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Richard Lee Doehring*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *I spent many hours at Andrau Airport talking airplanes with Richard and getting beat at darts. It was always a treat hearing his great war stories . Richard was a pilot's pilot and he will be greatly missed. My condolences to all of his family and may God bless you all.*

*Regards,
Pat Patterson.*

Pat Patterson - December 05, 2022 at 12:28 PM



Thanks so much for sharing your memories of Richard. He did indeed get such joy from flying and sharing aviation stories.

Suzanne Carmichael - December 08, 2022 at 12:45 AM

RW

“ My deepest condolences to the family and friends for Richard. We all knew him from different angles. I spent many hours in his hanger talking about family, the law, and aviation. He wore many hats in life but the one I knew best was teacher and friend. Richard had life experiences giving him great perspective and wisdom that you don't find in many people these days. He taught me many things and I will miss him greatly.

Robert Willms - December 05, 2022 at 08:29 AM

SC

Thank you so much for sharing your memories of Richard. He was an amazing man and will always be missed by family and friends.

Suzanne Doehring Carmichael - January 09, 2023 at 07:38 PM

SC

Today would have been your 81st birthday. Brian and Chris and I will always carry the memory of you in our hearts.

Suzanne Carmichael - January 03, 2024 at 07:09 PM

LG

“ Richard and I were appointed on many cases together for the past 37 years. He was a pleasure to work with and a great attorney. I loved his wit and humor. He will be greatly missed.

Linda Goehrs - December 04, 2022 at 10:36 AM

SC

Thank you very much for sharing your memories of Richard,

Suzanne Doehring Carmichael - January 09, 2023 at 07:39 PM

SC

My boys and I so appreciate that you shared your memories of Richard.

Suzanne Doehring Carmichael - March 09, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ 83 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Detting Funeral Home - December 01, 2022 at 05:56 PM

CL

I am just finding out today that Richard passed away. I'm so sad to read about this. He was a good friend. I met him through Penny.

Carrie Lambert - June 15, 2023 at 12:38 AM

DG

“ *D A Smith & The Briarhollow Realty Group purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Richard Lee Doehring.*



D A Smith & The Briarhollow Realty Group - December 01, 2022 at 03:26 PM

SC

“ *Suzanne B Carmichael purchased the Sentiment s of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard Lee Doehring.*



Suzanne B Carmichael - November 30, 2022 at 05:58 PM

SC

“ There are not adequate words to say how much you will be missed by me and our boys. Thanks for all the memories that we shared.

Suzanne

Suzanne Carmichael - November 29, 2022 at 02:46 PM

GB

“ Very sorry for the family's loss. As a client of David Doehring, one afternoon I met Richard and we engaged in a conversation about his impressive Vietnam collection. I appreciate his service to our country.

G. A. Bobo - November 29, 2022 at 01:47 PM

DK

“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy and condolences to all of the Doehring family, Sharon Fisher, any the many dear friends and extended family of Richard’s. The Doehring and Eidman families lived only two houses apart for many years on Pemberton St. in West University. We all grew up together there, and had so many wonderful times at one or the other’s homes, or at the Doehring farm in Rose Hill. We could always depend upon Richard’s mother, Mildred, to make our Easter egg hunts very special in the “pasture”, by hiding several Easter eggs with “cash” in them, rather than another chocolate bunny!! All of us Doehring and Eidman boys would have the distinct pleasure of cleaning all the chicken crap out of the farm hen houses and collect the eggs to deliver all over town with Mrs.Doehring. We all learned how to be entrepreneurs in the egg business at an early age!! It was a lot of fun. Richard and I were “life long” friends. We always remained very close throughout these many years. It was my distinct pleasure and a privilege to have helped participate in Richard’s Orthopedic care over the past several years. He never complained about his Orthopedic symptoms or conditions, especially if they might somehow interrupt his ability to enjoy his “life’s passion”, which was flying. Before I replaced both of his hips, I jokingly asked Richard in my office, “What finally made you decide to have the surgery” ?? He replied, “Hell Dan”, I can’t reach the pedals anymore to stop my airplane!! Classic Richard Doehring response. He was Unstoppable and never gave up!!

Anyone who knew Richard would tell you that he was without question a man of integrity, extreme courage, heroism, loyalty, and conviction about those principles that he held to be true, right, and just for all of Us. He served our Country proudly as a Cobra Gunship pilot in the Army in Vietnam. He somehow miraculously survived being shot down three times by enemy forces, and was wounded himself. I had the privilege and Honor of also serving our Country in Vietnam shortly after Richard had finished his tour of duty. The difference was that I was Not as smart as my dear friend Richard, because I was assigned to serve in the 196th Light Infantry Brigade as an M-60 machine gunner. As Richard said it so well

several times to me, I could have flown helicopters like him, instead of walking some damn far n the jungle!! We had a lot of great laughs about that over the years. It was no doubt because of the heroism of Richard Doehring and many other very brave pilots like him that served in Vietnam, that many “foot soldiers”, or “Grunts”, as We were affectingly called, were able to survive our tour of duty, and return home to our families. Richard should be Commended and Honored for his outstanding Heroism!! He will always have my utmost respect and admiration. I am truly Honored to be able to call Richard my Dear Life Long Friend.

I shall miss Richard very much. When it comes my time to join him “on the other side”, I truly hope that Dear Friend is there to greet me with a couple of old fashions and a great steak dinner!! Rest In Peace old friend!! You certainly have earned your right to be in a much better place. God Bless you Richard!! I’ll see you on the other side!! Dan Eidman 🙏🇺🇸🇻🇪🇺🇸🇺🇸

Dan K.Eidman - November 25, 2022 at 09:31 PM

JW

“ To Richards Family, My Deepest Condolences.
It was my pleasure to call Richard a friend. I hold him in the highest regard, as a True Patriot.
We visited and told stories that ranged from his youth, to mine, to airplanes, helicopters, Vietnam and anywhere in between.
Have you heard the story of him flying a P51 to school in San Antonio? (and his father getting the fuel bill?) He never met a stranger, and always, in my opinion, had a thoughtful, knowledgeable take on most anything. I will miss our sit down BS debriefs, old story talks, as I miss talking to my Father. I respected Richard and his friendship and mentorship, that will be missed.

He was one of a kind.

Gentleman, Warrior, Aviator, but first and last, A Friend.

James Wurman Jr
General Avionics Inc

James Wurman - November 23, 2022 at 02:48 PM

RB

“ We are praying for your family during this difficult time. May God continue to comfort and keep you all in his care.
The Bonners

Rober J Bonner - November 22, 2022 at 08:37 PM

CB

“ Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of Richard. He was a fine attorney with a generous spirit and strong sense of duty. He will be missed as a friend and colleague.

Christine Butts - November 22, 2022 at 12:35 PM

DK

“ *An outstanding Army officer, pilot and courageous combat leader, who served his country and fellow soldiers with dignity and heroism.* ”

Dennis M. Kenneally - November 22, 2022 at 09:17 AM