



## Richard Alvin Smyrl Jr.

January 29, 1944 - March 2, 2023

Richard “Rick” A. Smyrl, Jr., 79, of Houston, Texas, passed away peacefully at home on March 2, 2023.

Rick was born on January 29, 1944 to Richard A. Smyrl and Catherine T. Darnaby in Cushing, Oklahoma. He grew up in San Antonio, Texas, and had many fond memories of his hometown city where he attended St. Paul Catholic School and Central Catholic High School.

After high school, Rick entered the United States Army Field Artillery School where he was commissioned in 1967 and served as Commander of Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 14th Artillery. He spent the next two years stationed in Germany where he would meet and marry his devoted wife of 53 years, Judy Garland Price.

Rick left the Army with his wife and newborn daughter to return to Texas to finish his education. After graduating from Texas Tech University with a petroleum engineering degree in 1971, Rick would spend the next 45 years working in the upstream oil and gas industry which would take him to all four corners of the globe. A life full of travel and adventure provided Rick and Judy’s family with the education that can only come through experiencing life in other places, and it was enriched by many dear friends made along the way.

Rick is preceded in death by his parents and brother, James Smyrl. He is

survived by his loving wife and children, Shannon (Tom) Shrader of Houston, TX, and Sarah (Chris) Burke of Houston, TX; four beloved grandchildren: Mattie and Nora Shrader; Mary Elizabeth and Blake Burke; two sisters: Kathy (Leonard) Hilliard and Denise Kubicek; one brother: Herb (Jennifer) Smyrl as well as treasured cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the attentive care given by Aide in Aid, especially Randi Houston, Blake Green, Modupe Adefisayo, Francisca Adeleye as well as Fairmont Hospice.

In lieu of flowers please consider contributions in Rick's honor to the Texas Liver Foundation or the Alzheimer's Association Houston and Southeast Texas.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Rite of Committal

MAR 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Oaks Cemetery  
13001 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX 77079

## Reception to Follow Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Alvin Smyrl Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Richard Alvin Smyrl Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Richard Alvin Smyrl Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Richard Alvin Smyrl Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Alvin Smyrl Jr..*



March 09, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ 14 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Dettling Funeral Home** - March 09, 2023 at 05:09 PM



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**Dettling Funeral Home** - March 08, 2023 at 04:34 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Family Photos



Sarah - March 08, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Alvin Smyrl Jr..



March 07, 2023 at 08:55 PM



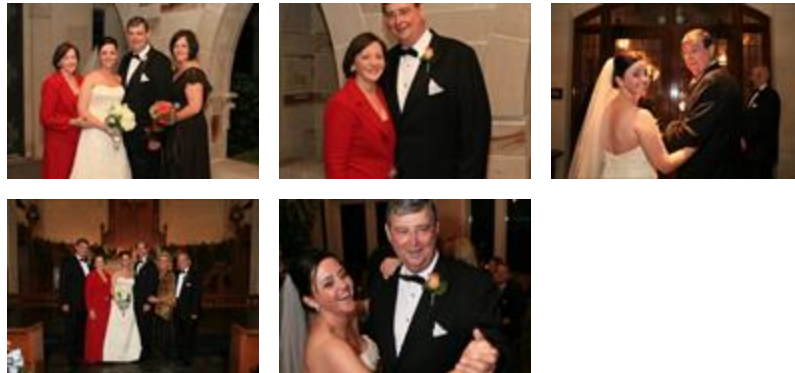
“ Garden Cross was purchased for the family of Richard Alvin Smyrl Jr..



March 07, 2023 at 07:50 PM

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“ 65 files added to the album Family Photos



Sarah - March 07, 2023 at 07:15 PM

CT

*Sarah....Enjoyed seeing the photos of your family over the years. So glad you had so many years with your Dad.*

Charla Trader - March 11, 2023 at 08:23 PM

JA

*Rick will be sorely missed. He was a great friend and lunch buddy. I was glad to know him for almost 40 years.*  
Joe Adams

Joe Adams - March 16, 2023 at 10:44 AM