

IN MEMORIAM: DICK LIBBY

The Rev. Richardson ("Dick") Armstrong Libby Jr. passed away comfortably at his home April 2, 2020 at the age of 88. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Kathryn Blunck Libby, sons Richardson ("Rich") Armstrong Libby III and Roger Andrew Libby; daughters-in-law Sami and Lisa; his beloved grandchildren Zoe, Ben, Riggs, and Bailey; and his brother in law Roger Blunck. An only child, he was born on January 30, 1932 and was preceded in death by his parents Richardson Armstrong Libby Sr. and Josephine Glascock Libby when he was age 9 and 19 respectively.



He was a graduate of St. Alban's School for Boys (1950), Trinity College in Hartford, CT (1954) and General Seminary in New York City (1960). He served in Episcopal parishes of Maine (Bath), Connecticut (Niantic, Newington, Branford and Milford), and Maryland (Pasadena, Mayo, Gibson Island, and his beloved St. Anne's of Annapolis), and regularly assisted at the Washington National Cathedral during mid-week services as the chaplain on call and organized the Annual Kirkin O' the Tartan, which celebrated the Scottish-American Heritage of our nation.

From his high school yearbook, which described his "cheerful exuberance and willingness to help," to the

present day, Dick has always been known by his incredibly joyful smile and his willingness to serve all those in need. In college, he was a cheerleader, a role that he kept throughout his life, encouraging others in their times of struggle. He served his country as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War (1954-1957); his community as an Episcopal priest, Rotarian, volunteer fireman, and race committee of the U.S. Naval Academy Sailing Squadron; and of course his family. He was a devoted husband and father and the hardest working and kindest clergyman we have ever known.

Dick loved history, including the study of American Revolutionary War flags. One pet project was correcting the design of the "Shaw Flag" that flew over the Annapolis State House. He was active in many organizations, including serving as chaplain for the St. Andrew's Societies of Washington, DC and Baltimore, member of the Society of St. George, Rotary International, the North American Vexillological Association, and Boys Scouts of America.

It was as an Eagle Scout that he learned two important lessons that shaped his life and legacy, "be prepared," and "always leave the campsite better than you found it." Dick has left his churches, his community, his family, and indeed the world a better place. A celebration of his long and full life will be held at a future date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given in his memory to St. Anne's Episcopal Church (www.stannes-annapolis.org).

"There is nothing intangible about Rotary: It is reality itself. To give is to receive; to lose oneself is to find oneself; to be happy is to serve. These are old truths...for the individual...and the mass, whether application be in the exchange of goods, toil, knowledge, or love."

- Crawford C. McCullough, 1921-22 President, Rotary International

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