



## Richard (Dick) R. Gauer

January 1, 1943 - September 12, 2022

Richard (Dick) Raymond Gauer passed away on September 12, 2022. Dick was born to Casper and Udelia (Tillie) Gauer on January 1, 1943 in Aberdeen, South Dakota where he grew up and graduated from Central High School in 1961. After a series of odd jobs, he joined the National Reserves. Later, he was honorably discharged and saw great career potential, so he moved to California and began his career at Western Electric (Lucent Technologies) where his tenure lasted 37 years, outlasting several buyouts and name changes.

During a visit home early in his career, he reconnected with an old acquaintance, Donna Kolb, and they quickly fell in love. After a long-distance courtship that lasted nearly a year, they were married on June 8, 1968.

Together they chose Napa, CA to be their home for the next 54 years.

Dick was a devoted husband and father to his children Garrett Gauer and Kimberly (Gauer) Riggs. He loved spending time with his grandson John G. Riggs and doing everything he could to make him laugh. Dick was a fan of recreational shooting and was a member of the Napa Gun Club. He also enjoyed gardening and sharing his bounty with neighbors.

Dick was preceded in death by his wife Donna Gauer, and his brothers Gerry Gauer (Novato CA) and Wally Gauer (Aberdeen SD). He is survived by his children Garrett Gauer (Napa CA), Kimberly Riggs, son in law John W. Riggs, grandson John G. Riggs (all of Concord CA), his sisters Marjorie Berry (Montesano WA), Doris Cusick (Sacramento CA) and Susan Krage (Aberdeen

SD) and brother Bernard Gauer (Fresno CA) and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to The National Rifle Association Foundation, 11250 Waples Mill Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030. A memorial will be held at a later date in his hometown of Aberdeen, SD.

# Tribute Wall



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