



## Richard "Dick" Allen Konkle

February 13, 1935 - August 7, 2019

Richard "Dick" Allen Konkle, 84, of Smyrna passed away August 7. Memorial services will be held at a later date. He was an exceptional engineer who designed and built nationally acclaimed R/C model airplanes and had a 32-year career at Lockheed.

Surviving are wife Virginia Ansley Konkle; daughters Kella Chase, Lynn Bush and Kim Hatcher; stepsons Travis and Brandon Ansley; and sidekick DD (Dick's Dog). He is preceded in death by sister Barbara Coe. Dick's family envisions him piloting his model Aeronca one last time to Heaven.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ASPCA or Cobb Humane Society.

# Comments

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**Kim Konkle** - August 22 at 02:55 PM

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“ I was so blessed to have met Dick Konkle and been friends with him for many years; we both shared the love of aviation of all types. I so enjoyed the times we shared at Triple Tree aerodrome in South Carolina at the Joe Nall and the many other events held there each year. He was also such a pleasure to be around, and had such knowledge to share with all who know him. He'll be missed by all that knew him, and I'm so glad that I can count him as a great friend.

Deepest sympathy to his family.

Sincerely  
Trent Wilhelm



**Trent Wilhelm** - August 20 at 01:39 PM



“ Thank you so much. That means a lot. He LOVED Triple Tree and all those events.

**Kim** - August 22 at 02:48 PM

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“ I was very blessed to have a Father-in-law that shared with me the same love for many things. First and foremost his daughter, and second aviation. From our bi-plane ride together, to a common love of the WWII F6F plane and our time together at Triple Tree. I will miss him dearly.



**Tim Chase** - August 17 at 05:08 PM



“ I hadn't seen those photos. Thank you!

**Kim** - August 22 at 02:46 PM

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“ Dick was one of the most talented people I've ever known and he was a good friend for many years. He was responsible for me getting into aviation in a big way. Because of his influence I built three experimental aircraft and restored a WW-II B-25 bomber. Along the way we spent many hours building and flying radio control model aircraft. He will be missed and remembered.

Jere Rosser

**Jere Rosser** - August 13 at 08:22 PM



“ Wow, that's so nice to know. Thank you for sharing.

**Kim** - August 22 at 02:46 PM

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**Kim Konkle** - August 12 at 09:59 PM

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“ Remembering first impression of Dick Konkle at Grady 1950. It was his fingernails with black under them from working on machinery even then. Sorry he will not be with class in October for the 65th reunion.

**Helen Cook Boruff** - August 12 at 12:31 PM



“ That makes me smile. He loved working on engines -- even in his 80s.

Kim - August 22 at 02:43 PM

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“ My heart felt condolences to all of Dick's family. Dick was one of the most interesting and talented people I ever knew. I knew Dick and visited his shop in the Jonquil Theater building in Smyrna back in the 1970's. Last year he helped me repair a small 2-cycle engine. Dick was a great American and will be missed!

Bob Higgins - August 11 at 10:03 PM



“ Thank you. We appreciate that.

Kim - August 22 at 02:45 PM

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“ Ken Chastain Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard "Dick" Allen Konkle



Ken Chastain Jr - August 11 at 02:58 PM



“ Thank you, Ken. Dad spoke of you often.

Kim - August 22 at 02:44 PM