



Richard Francis Fadgen

May 4, 1942 - January 16, 2022

Richard Francis Fadgen, 79, son of Marie and TJ, was born in Trenton, New Jersey on May 4, 1942. He passed away on January 16, 2022, at Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, GA.

At a young age, Richard developed a fascination and love for radio and TV which lasted his entire life. After graduating from Central Trenton High School in 1961, he went on to attend and graduate from Mississippi State University in 1966, with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management. Richard's passion for communication took him up to the Northeast, where he worked his first job out of college at General Motors. Richard's father was a Senior Executive in the research and development department, and he was credited for creating the first set of Plastic Safety goggles, the same type that are used today. Richard would serve in the Army and was active in the National Guard during the Hartford Race Riots. He would recall that experience as a rude awakening for our country, but also thought we would have "done a better job uniting as a country".

Richard worked in sales for numerous companies but ended up working for East Penn Manufacturing and became a Regional Sales Manager, and after 26 years, he retired from Deka Battery. In 1964, he married Corma Lee Fadgen and moved to Miami in 1975, where her parents, Popeye and Bettye Fischer lived. They had one child together: Frances Lee (1971).

Richard was raised in the Catholic faith throughout his formative years, he met with some difficult times and thought that his faith in the Catholic Church had been broken. He still held the virtues of the Christian belief and loved helping people and believed in "unity through spirituality". He and his wife had a passion for cruising the world, Alaska, the Panama Canal, all of Europe, and a litany of cruises to the Caribbean. After over a decade, they had amassed over 500 days at sea, which equals 4 complete circumnavigations of the world and all with Holland America cruise lines. The lock down from the quarantine and Richards' numerous health concerns had put that on hold, but the goal was for him to "set sail" one more time. He was a loving husband and parent who

often showed his love by gift-giving. He had a goofy sense of humor and would love to tell outlandish stories about his time in the CIA and Mafia, all at the same time. It was his form of an ice breaker and it kept you in suspense. Richard was very interested in and cherished his time with his grandkids. Watching them play baseball was a highlight for him and he would always tell them they did a good job and made him proud!

He is survived by one child, Frances Halvorsen and her husband, Chip Halvorsen of Marietta, Georgia. His older brother, Phil Fadgen and his wife, Sherry of New York. His loving grandchildren, Severin and Russell; and his loving wife, Corma Lee Fadgen, who tirelessly moved heaven and earth for him to maintain his independence and a happy life!

His memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 22nd at 3:00 p.m. at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home, Historic Marietta Chapel.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 22. 3:00 PM (ET)

Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home
180 Church Street, N.E.
Marietta, GA 30060

Tribute Wall



“ *Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard Francis Fadgen*



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - January 22 at 02:29 PM

CH

“ *So, this is good bye! You would have appreciated the eulogy, it was a tribute worthy of your life! I will always remember the good times and when we were happy and free of constraints, not the incredible effort we all carried in your recovery. You are at peace now, which is glorious, but we really miss you and the stories are just not the same without your improv and embellishments! You were kind, sweet and cared for others, your son in-law will share your stories and let your ripples of memories carry on!*

Chip Halvorsen - January 22 at 10:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Francis Fadgen.*



January 21 at 02:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Francis Fadgen.*



January 21 at 09:10 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Francis Fadgen.*



January 20 at 03:30 PM

CT

“ *Richard and Lee were my first BC1 friends. We have been good friends since 1971 but 20 years ago, we became very close. When I was alone, Lee and Richard took me under their wing.. Richard always told me that if I or my girls ever needed anything to please call him. We had so many great times together and I considered Lee and Richard part of my family. RIP Richard. I will miss you so much. ❤️*

cathy Tufts - January 20 at 11:21 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Francis Fadgen.*



January 20 at 09:11 AM

LM

“ *So happy I was able to visit, we had a great day and Richard was his happy to take us to Twin Peaks for the "delicious food" that day. Hugs and condolences to my Aunt Lee and the family. I love you all!*



Laura Messina - January 20 at 12:39 AM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Richard Francis Fadgen.*



January 19 at 07:32 PM

PA

“ My walks each morning on Ft Myers Beach with Richard were memorable. He was a great friend I was so lucky to have known him. RIP dear friend prayers for the family.

pat Allen - January 19 at 06:09 PM

PL

“ When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us.
Our most sincere condolences to you and the family.
Pat & Franck Labiche

Pat labiche - January 19 at 05:41 PM



“ Jeremy Harris lit a candle in memory of Richard Francis Fadgen



Jeremy Harris - January 19 at 01:57 PM

SB

“ Sending all our love to Frances, Chip, Severin, Russell, Carolyn, Sherman and Lee. We all very much admired Chip and Frances's love and support of Richard and Lee throughout his illness in his later years. Will be with you all virtually on Saturday. With love from Sheri, Terry, Emily, Madeleine & Ben Brissenden

Sheri Brissenden - January 19 at 01:55 PM