



Ricardo N. Bethart

February 23, 1932 - August 8, 2024

Ricardo Nichol “Rick” Bethart, age 92 of Forest Park, Ohio passed away at Hospice of Hamilton on Thursday August 8, 2024. Rick was born in Hamilton, Ohio on February 23, 1932 to Domingo and Dickie (Chenault) Bethart. Rick was a graduate of Hamilton High School, class of 1950. On June 7, 1954 he graduated from Miami University, married his high school sweetheart, Paula Hetterich and received his commission into the United States Navy. He served in the Navy Active Duty from 1954-1957, and in the Active Naval Reserves from 1957-1980 when he retired with the rank of Commander. Rick’s first deployment in the Navy was Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. After that he was assigned to Key West Florida, where he joined the U.S. Naval School Underwater Swimmers. He developed his love of scuba diving while serving as certified Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel. In his life, Rick completed over 1000 dives. His last was at the age of 86 in Roatan, Honduras where he completed 25 of the 27 scheduled dives. In 1974, Rick and Paula opened a printing company on Main Street in Hamilton which is still in operation today. Rick was a 50 year member of Rotary Club of Hamilton. He spent many hours volunteering and was a 10 time Paul Harris Fellow. Besides being a great husband and father, he was a friend and mentor to many and a true lover of nature. Rick is preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Paula, and his daughter Lynn (John) Todd. He is survived by his son Richard (Susan) Bethart; his grandchildren, Deona Bethart, Richele (Dan) Hutzelman, and Christian Bethart; his great-grandchildren, Avary, Jaxson, Harlow and Hayden.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 16, 2024 from 10:00AM - 11:00AM followed by a funeral service at 11:00 AM at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 N.W. Washington Blvd, Hamilton, OH 45013. Burial will follow with full military honors at Greenwood Cemetery, 1602 Greenwood Ave, Hamilton, OH 45011. Memorials may be given to the Hamilton Rotary Club, 188 N. Brookwood Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio 45013. Online condolences are available at www.weigelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

1602 Greenwood Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45011
<http://www.greenwoodcemeteryhamilton.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Weigel Funeral Home
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Service

AUG 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



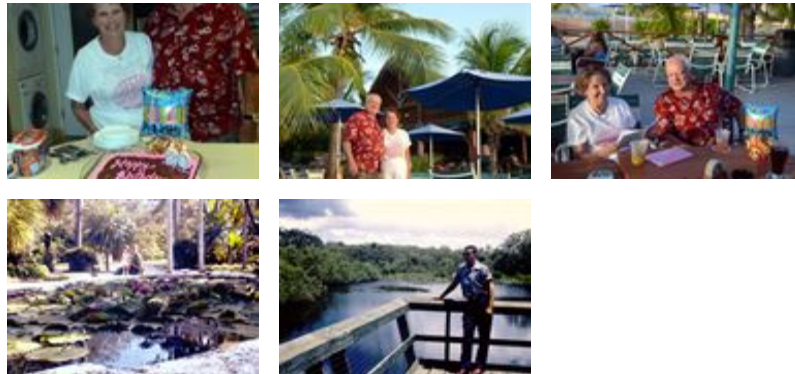
“ Weigel Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ricardo N. Bethart



Weigel Funeral Home - August 16, 2024 at 06:12 AM



“ 173 files added to the album LifeTributes



Weigel Funeral Home - August 16, 2024 at 08:43 AM

LM

“ Love, Mhyra, Scott, Mara purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ricardo N. Bethart.



Love, Mhyra, Scott, Mara - August 15, 2024 at 08:57 AM

LM

“ Love, Mhyra, Scott, Mara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricardo N. Bethart.

Love, Mhyra, Scott, Mara - August 15, 2024 at 08:57 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ricardo N. Bethart.



August 14, 2024 at 09:28 PM

LF

“ Love, Sherri, Jim and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricardo N. Bethart.

Love, Sherri, Jim and family - August 14, 2024 at 09:28 PM

AT

“ I am so sorry for your loss and will keep your dad in my prayers. I met Ricardo in the 60's while he was in Miami. He told us he looked up our last name on the phone book in every city he visited and that is how he found us. It so happened that he and the family were staying two blocks away so he came for a visit. Once again my sincerest condolences.

Amelie Bethart Tejera

Amelie Bethart Tejera - August 14, 2024 at 09:49 AM

BL

“ 1 file added to the album *My Dive Buddy*



Bill Libecap - August 13, 2024 at 06:08 PM

WL

Rick In belize bird watching

William Libecap - August 14, 2024 at 04:12 PM

BL

“ 46 files added to the album *My Dive Buddy*



Bill Libecap - August 13, 2024 at 11:15 AM

GA

“ Rick trained me in 2006 in dry suit diving via an Indiana quarry. He was a fabulous soft spoken guy who was extremely loyal. Through his excellent tuitilage I had the opportunity of a lifetime to dive on 1800 vintage shipwrecks in Tobemory, Canada. He will be forever missed and was one of the best people I ever met.

Garth

Garth - August 13, 2024 at 06:56 AM