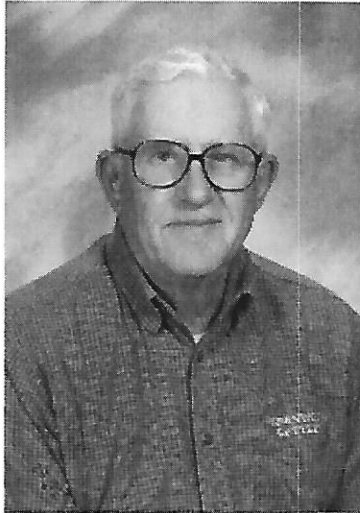


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Christian Committal
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October 8, 2017

Psalm 23

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!

God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!

America! America!

May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev-'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!

America! America!

God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

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November 23, 1937 to September 08, 2017

Welcome and Call to Worship.....Walt Childress
Invocation.....Gary Aichele
Count Your Blessings.....Grandchildren and Jon Heddleston
Words of Remembrance.....Jack Veatch
Scripture Readings.....Daughters
 Psalm 23 (in unison)
 II Timothy 2:2-7.....Susannah McNear Barnes
 II Timothy 4:6-8.....Laura Morey
 John 14:1-6 (with comments).....Jennifer Loutzenheiser
Words of Committal.....Walt Childress
America the Beautiful.....Led by Jon Heddleston
Military Honors
 21 Gun Salute.....Culpeper VFW
 Taps.....Nicholas Barnes and Jack Sheffield
Benediction.....Walt Childress
Reception

The family would like to invite everyone to the Hay Shed for refreshments following the service. At that time, you are invited to share your favorite memories or stories about Dick.

RICHARD EVAN McNEAR

Soldier Planner Farmer

Richard Evan McNear, known as “Dick”, was born November 23, 1937, in Harrisburg, PA. He passed away at his home on September 8, 2017. He was surrounded by his wife and three daughters. Dick was the son of Helen Jean and Evan Arthur McNear and older brother of Nancy Jean Weitz, also of Washington, Virginia.

Dick graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in 1961 and later received his Master of Science in engineering from Purdue University. He spent 10 years in the Army where he received rank of Major and was awarded a Bronze Star while serving in Vietnam. Returning from Vietnam in 1968, he met Nancy J. (“Jeanie”) Beeghly while working at the Pentagon. Married in 1969, they moved to Rappahannock County in 1970, later to Warrenton for six years and then back to the family farm in 1980. This union of 48 years has brought three daughters: Jennifer, Susannah and Laura, and then nine grandchildren: Michael, Samuel, Nicholas, Kimberly, Josephine, Reed, Carter, Lucas and Ella Jean.

Dick began farming in Rappahannock with his father in 1961 under the mentorship of legendary native John Marshall Clark. After resigning from the Army in 1970, he spent 2 years as a teacher in Fauquier County and continued work at the family farm. His notable career began in 1972 as the Director of Planning and Zoning for Fauquier County. In 1987, Dick was awarded the Citizen of the Year award for Fauquier County for his dedication and guidance through a period of high growth and hard challenges. He also completed the revision of the Rappahannock County zoning ordinance adopted in 1986 which is largely unchanged today. His name was “synonymous with excellence in planning” as his leadership was felt far beyond county lines. In 1993, he was recognized by the Virginia General Assembly for “Outstanding contributions to planning in Virginia.”

Retiring in 1992, Dick began full time farming. His goal was to preserve and improve the land for his children and future generations. Exploring programs through the Culpeper Soil and Water District (CSWCD) and the National Resource Conservation Service, he made significant management changes to keep the farm sustainable. Around the turn of the century, he placed the farm into an open space easement with the Virginia Outdoor Foundation to protect it from future development. In 2013, he was awarded the Conservationist of the Year award by CSWCD after adopting holistic management practices. During this time, he’d served as Director of the CSWCD representing Rappahannock County and as Chairman of the Board for 3 years and then as associate director for Rappahannock County. He also served as a board member of the Rappahannock County Farmer’s Association, the Piedmont Environmental Council, and the Krebsler Fund.

Dick’s hobbies were tennis, golf, fishing, camping and most of all cattle farming. He was well known for his sense of humor, stellar character, kindness, warmth and self-effacing manner. He embodied the pledge he took at West Point to “Duty, Honor and Country”. He will be dearly missed and forever remembered by his family, friends and neighbors.