

Tom Van Richardson



Colonel Tom Van Richardson Jr., USMC (Ret.), of Centreville, VA, passed away peacefully on 19 December 2019 at The Wellington of Lake Manassas in Gainesville, VA. He was 83 years old.

Tom was born on 29 July 1936 in Monticello, GA, to the late Tom Richardson Sr. and Druscilla Martin. He attended Middle Georgia College in Cochran, GA, (1954-1956) before graduating from the Naval Academy with the Class of 1960.

Tom served in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he was the recipient of the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Meritorious Service Medal, among others. He retired from the Corps in 1983.

Following his retirement, Tom spent a few years in real estate until 1990, when he and his wife established a horse boarding and lesson barn, Bull Run Stables in Centreville, VA, for the past 30 years.

In addition to his loving parents, Tom was preceded in death by his brother, William Houston Richardson. Survivors include his beloved wife of 53 years, Joan Wells Johnson Richardson; their children, Tom Van Richardson III (Kelly Hodson Richardson) of Centreville, VA, and Kimberly Richardson Baierl (Robert C. Baierl Jr.) of Bradford Woods, PA; and eight grandchildren, Grant, Andrew, Grace, Hayley, Will, Sara, Abby and Taylor.

March 2020 Shipmate