



Dr. Richard F. "Dick" Ulrich

April 13, 1935 - April 4, 2019

Obituary for Dr. Richard Ulrich

Dr. Richard Ulrich passed away, Thursday, April 4, 2019, nine days before his 84th birthday, at his home after a long illness. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on April 13, 1935 to Francis Xavier Ulrich and Elsie Fuzer Ulrich. His father died when he was 10 years old and he worked multiple jobs through high school and college to help pay for his education. These included mowing lawns, painting, construction, bagging and stocking groceries, retail clothing store, working on an assembly line at a Ford plant, Standard Products and East Ohio gas company. He graduated from Fairview High School in 1953 and from Xavier University in Cincinnati with a degree in Chemistry in 1958. After graduation, he attended dental school at Northwestern University in Chicago for two years before attending Medical School at Ohio State University where he graduated in 1964 with an MD degree. He did a medical internship and medical residency at Barnes Hospital, Washington University, which was interrupted by the draft for the Viet Nam war in March of 1966. He had met his wife at Barnes Hospital where she was a nurse and they were married in May of 1966 before he was sent to Okinawa. He served as a Captain and the Preventive Medical Officer for Southeast Asia for the duration of his tour. First son, Robert, was born in 1967 in Okinawa.

After returning to the States in 1968, he completed his medical residency in

St. Louis and then moved to Cleveland Ohio for Neurology residency at University Hospitals of Cleveland. He did additional training in Neuro-Otology as a fellow in Iowa City at the University of Iowa. He was Board Certified by the Board of Neurology and Psychiatry in 1972. After fellowship, his family moved to Lafayette, LA where he started a private practice with the Hamilton Medical Group. In 1974, he moved to Tyler where he was the first Neurologist in East Texas. He retired in 2014 after 40 years of practice. He was a member of Smith County Medical Society, Texas Medical Society, Texas Neurological Society, American Academy of Neurology and the American Association of Disability Evaluating Physicians.

Throughout his life, he loved cars and engines and working on them in his spare time. In 1985 he started the East Texas Auto Show with proceeds, at first, for Muscular Dystrophy and later to the East Texas Crisis Center.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents and Aunt Mary Fuzer. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Nancy; sons, Dr. Robert Ulrich and Gregory Ulrich and wife Heather Bates Ulrich; daughter, Dr. Elizabeth Peckham and husband Dr. Russell Peckham and eight grandchildren, Hudson, Hayden, and Paxton Ulrich, Emma Ulrich, and Kate, Jay, Andrew and Violet Peckham. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Sally Vandergriff and husband Mike and a brother-in-law, Earl Maucker and wife Betsy as well as several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Sunday, April 14, 2019 from 4-6 p.m. with the rosary at 6:00 p.m. by Deacon William Necessary at Stewart Family Funeral Home at 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway. Funeral Mass will be on Monday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations, may be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701; Pets Fur People, 1823 CR 386, Tyler, TX 75708; East Texas Symphony, 107 E. Erwin St., Tyler, TX 75702; East Texas Crisis Center,

P.O. Box 7060, Tyler, TX 75711; or to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Rosary

APR 14. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

APR 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
423 S. Broadway
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Richard F. "Dick" Ulrich



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 06, 2019 at 01:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard F. "Dick" Ulrich.



April 13, 2019 at 01:15 PM



“ Marilyn, Jeff, Jill and Jennifer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. Richard F. "Dick" Ulrich.



Marilyn, Jeff, Jill and Jennifer - April 12, 2019 at 05:29 PM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 10, 2019 at 06:07 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard F. "Dick" Ulrich.



April 10, 2019 at 02:26 PM



“ *Love's Tapestry* was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard F. "Dick" Ulrich.



April 10, 2019 at 01:43 PM

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“ Tyler Neurosurgical Associates purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Dr. Richard F. "Dick" Ulrich.



Tyler Neurosurgical Associates - April 08, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard F. "Dick" Ulrich.



April 08, 2019 at 01:02 PM

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“ Lynda Tippit lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard F. "Dick" Ulrich



Lynda Tippit - April 08, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard F. "Dick" Ulrich.



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