

J.D. "Dave" Richards

(November 30, 1939 - January 11, 2015)



J.D. "Dave" Richards, 75, passed away on Sunday, January 11th, 2015 in Franklin. He was a resident of Franklin, Indiana

He was born on November 30, 1939 in Indianapolis to Andrew J. and Louise (Brock) Richards. He married Wanda (Coffey) Richards on March 22, 1963. She survives in Franklin.

Also surviving is one daughter, Beth (Doug) Houshour of Whiteland; one son, Andrew J. Richards of Franklin; grandsons, J.D. Houshour and Jon Houshour and one brother, Dale (Pam) Richards of Whiteland. He was preceded in passing by his parents.

J.D. attended Indianapolis Public Schools and was a 1957 graduate of Union High School. He graduated in 1962 from Franklin College. J.D. joined the United States Marine Reserves in 1957. After college, he became active with the United States Marines in 1962 serving in the Vietnam War, retiring after

thirty-seven years of service as a Lt. Colonel.

While in the Marines, J.D. attended and graduated from the Aerial Observation School, Ranger School and Paratrooper School. While in Vietnam, he served in the 2nd Re-con division as a forward observer on the Aerial Observation Team. [He served with the 220th Avn Co.]

After the Marines, J.D. taught school at Center Grove and Franklin. While teaching, in the summers, he worked for the Franklin Police Department. In 1970, he attended the Indiana Police Academy and began his law enforcement career with the Indiana State Police for twenty-four years, retiring in 1995.

He was a founding member and served on the Swat Team from June, 1974 to June, 1989. In 1995, J.D. ran for Sheriff of Johnson County and served two terms from 1995 to 2002 as Sheriff.

After retiring, he so enjoyed working for the Indiana State Senate in the copying room. He also enjoyed being involved with COPS for nine years. He was a member of the Franklin American



Legion Post No. 205 where he was on the military honor guard conducting military honors for many years. He was a member of the Union Village Masonic Lodge and Order of Eastern Star; DeVault Masonic Lodge at the Indiana Masonic Home; High Twelve Club; Indianapolis Valley of Scottish Rite and the Murat Shrine.

He also was a member of the Indianapolis Shrine Club and the Johnson County Shrine Club. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and Lambda Chi Fraternity. J.D. was a Kentucky Colonel.

A celebration of J.D. 's life will be conducted on Friday, January 16th, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 North Morton Street, (U.S. 31 North) in Franklin. Friends may call on Thursday, January 15th, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin where military and police honors will be conducted.

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