



Richard D. Cothern

December 30, 1931 - June 16, 2012

Richard Dale Cothern, 80, of Holland, OH, retired CPA and former U.S. Air Force pilot, passed away June 16, 2012, in his home of cancer.

Dick possessed an unquenchable enthusiasm for life. An avid reader and storyteller, he was passionate about aviation, knowing every type of plane built; financial data; fine cigars; world travel; his family; longterm buddies from Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) at the University of Toledo and the former Bud and Luke's restaurant; and the Kuhlman Corp., where he worked 32 years. At Kuhlman, he was vice president of finance, secretary and treasurer, senior vice president of real estate, and member of the Board of Directors from 1970 until his death. He was a voracious golfer, playing 100-150 rounds annually since retiring 14 years ago.

Dick was always positive, smart, tenacious, loyal, impeccably dressed, kind, and never afraid to question the status quo.

He was born in 1931, the seventh of eight children of Louis and Maude Cothern, graduating from Libbey High School in 1949. He earned his wings in the Air Force in 1951-1956, flying a twin-engine light bomber and later worked as an administrative officer in Japan. Dick graduated in business administration from the University of Toledo in 1958. In 1961-1962 he was recalled by the military as a captain and armament officer for the 112th

Tactical Fighter Squadron, Ohio Air National Guard.

Dick was a CPA for Arthur Young and Co. from 1958-1966. He was a lifetime member of the Toledo Chapter of the Ohio Society of CPA's, president of The Tax Forum, a 25-year member and former president of the Toledo Chapter of Financial Executives International, and in the American Institute of CPA's. He was a 50-year member of SAE and for 25 years was treasurer of the UT fraternity's house corporation. Other life memberships include the University of Toledo Alumni Association and the Evans Scholars Foundation.

Since 1984, Dick served on the Architectural Committee for Arrowhead Park and had been treasurer since 1992. For nine years he was on the Goodwill Industries of Northwest Ohio's Board of Trustees, and was former president of the Stone Oak Homeowners' Association.

In 1961 upon his marriage to Ann (Dillon), he became Roman Catholic. He belonged to the Downtown Coaches Association and Stone Oak Country Club, and was a former member of Heatherdowns and Sylvania Country Clubs.

In addition to his wife, Dick is survived by children Leslie (Tom) Wade, of Hudson, OH; Betsy Booth, of Sylvania; and Ted (Kristin) Cothorn of Virginia Beach, VA, plus 8 grandchildren: Matthew, Nicholas, Stephanie, and Christina Wade; Jacob and Dillion Booth, and Riley and Quinn Cothorn. Siblings Mary Lou Gorr and Robert Cothorn survive, while James, Joseph, John, Maxine Benning and Patricia Lambert are deceased.

Friends may call at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 So.. Reynolds Rd., Friday 2-8 p.m. where a Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. The funeral will begin in the mortuary Saturday at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Mass n St. Joan of Arc Church at 10 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials may take the form of

a contribution to Evans Scholar Foundation

1 Briarwood Road

Golf, IL 60029

or

Hospice of Northwest Ohio

30000 East River Rd

Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

Dick lived his life well.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Ann,
So sorry to hear about Richard. I know you will miss him. We missed you at our 60th SUA reunion...Lots of Love,
Jane Bruss Gulotte##imported-begin##Jane Bruss Gulotte##imported-end##

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I Love you Dad! I miss you so much. On my own now, but I know you have given me every tool I will need to begin this new chapter of my life without you. You have taught me well.
I know you will continue to watch over us & guide us.
All my Love, Betsy##imported-begin##Betsy##imported-end##

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Cothorn, Leslie, Betsy and Ted,
I am so very sorry for your loss. I have so many nice memories of your dad -- when we were as young as your own children are now!
The video is a beautiful tribute to a terrific, funny and caring man!
Sending prayers and hugs to all, Love, Julie##imported-begin##Julie Landes##imported-end##

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ted*

Very sorry to hear about your father passing away. I am sure all the old timers in South Toledo will miss him. I am also pleased to see that donations are being directed towards the Evans Scholars foundation. Thanks so much!

*Pat Lyons###imported-begin##Pat Lyons
lyonspryde@mchsi.com###imported-end##*

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ted, Kristin and family,*

We are so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a kind hearted Man. May all of your happy memories of him get your through this hard time.

*Your Friends,
Ray & Jen###imported-begin##Ray & Jennifer Kovach###imported-end##*

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Even after knowing and loving uncle Dick all of my adult life, I realized while reading his obituary, how little I knew of his numerous accomplishments and how much he gave back to the community. That says a lot about who Dick was. He was always much more interested in how and what you were doing than talking about himself. A special quality all too rare today. We'll miss him. Our love and prayers are with Ann , the family, and all who loved Dick.

Gary and Ellen Porter##imported-begin##Gary and Ellen Porter##imported-end##

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ted, Kristin and Cothern Families,
My sympathy goes out to all of you. Your father and all of you will be remembered at mass and in my prayers. May the good Lord console you as Richard enters into his eternal rest.##imported-begin##Br. Jim Miller##imported-end##

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Betsy and Jake,

I would like to extend my sympathy. May the good memories of him get you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Christie Isabell##imported-end##

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the privilege of serving with Dick on the Arrowhead Architectural Committee for a number of years. Dick was always calm and insightful in his dealings on the committee. He was a true gentleman. We will miss him.##imported-begin##Terry Moore tjmoore54@gmail.com##imported-end##

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ann, Leslie, Betsy, Ted and Families, Our sincere condolences go out to you & your Families. May Dick rest in the presence of God's peace. God bless. With sympathy, Bill, Kathy & Kyle Stanton##imported-begin##Bill##imported-end##

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dick was one of the most well respected men I have had the privilede of having in my life.

Love Fred##imported-begin##Fred F Sandberg fred.tcp@gmail.com##imported-end##

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“ Dick always had a smile on his face and a deep concern for others he met along life's journey. He was truly a gentleman. Our condolences to Ann and the family.

Tom and Joyce Bettinger##imported-begin##Tom and Joyce Bettinger joyce4431@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ I first met Dick at Sylvania Country Club. We played golf together with our good friend, Charlie Bracken. Dick and I had a few things in common. We were both pilots and we both worked with the Evans Scholar Foundation. On behalf of the Western Golf Association and the Evans Scholars, thank you Dick for your dedication to this great cause. You will be missed by all of us. I'll miss your aviation emails.....clear skies good friend....##imported-begin##Jeffrey F. Guttenberger##imported-end##

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“ I met Dick more than 20 years ago, while we served on the Arrowhead Architectural Committee. He was a very smart, kind and caring individual, who so loved his golf. He fought his cancer over and over and now he can relax in God's grace and swing his club with the greats, who have gone before him. My prayers are with you, his family, who he was so proud of.##imported-begin##Karen Barker##imported-end##

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“ Dear Cothorn Family,

I want to express my sincerest condolences on Dick's passing. I so much enjoyed my friendship with Dick over the years. He lived a great life.

Best Regards,

John Hills##imported-begin##John Hills##imported-end##

June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ann, Betsy and Family. Sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He is in Good Hands! You have our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Dick and Louise Arman dublintwo@sbcglobal.net##imported-end##*

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“ *I love you Papa! I will never forget all the things you taught me, especially with my Golf. I'll miss you.
Love,
Dillon##imported-begin##Dillon Booth##imported-end##*

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“ *Conversations with Dick were always spirited and enlightening at Bud & Lukes round table.
Tailwinds and CAVU. Condolences to the family.##imported-begin##curt schurfeld##imported-end##*

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