



## Mr. Richard R. Overholser

May 4, 1937 - August 24, 2019

Richard “Dick” R. Overholser, 82, passed peacefully in the comfort of his own home surrounded by family on Saturday, August 24, 2019 after a long battle against CHF and COPD.

Richard, one of six children, was born in Holbrooke, Nebraska to Leo and Violet Overholser on May 4, 1937. The family later moved to Clay Center and then settled in Holdredge, Nebraska where Richard graduated high school as a football standout obtaining the nickname of “Rocky.”

He proudly served 22 years as a Master Sergeant in the US Air Force. Early in his military career he was stationed in Lincoln, Nebraska where he reconnected with a family friend Cleo Ann Johnson. Their love blossomed and they were later married on Valentine’s Day 1960. While in the military, Richard was able to obtain a private pilot’s license and also a Bachelor of Science Degree at night school from Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. Richard’s military career took him and his family to multiple places in the mid-west, to an unaccompanied tour in Korea and ultimately across the country to Georgia where he retired in 1976. He then embarked on his second career as a Civil Servant. His new job in contract management took him to far away and sometimes dangerous places including Somalia, Turkey, Kuwait, Egypt, and “polar bear country” in Norway. Richard and his wife also enjoyed extensive travel while being stationed for 3 years in Belgium and 2 years in England. He

retired after 21 years of Civil Service in 2001.

Richard, also known lovingly as Pop and Papa, was devoted to his family and proud of their accomplishments. Spending time with the family was important to Pop and one of his favorite places to go was Sarasota, FL. Papa was known to be jokester and loved to laugh and play cards. He will be missed by many but will live on in their hearts and memories.

Richard is survived by his devoted wife of 59 years, Cleo; along with their three children, Kari Beisswenger (Harry) of Tampa, FL, Kelly Pannell (Wayne) of Stuttgart, Germany, Darren Overholser (Andrea) of Woodstock, GA; six grandchildren, Jonathan Pannell, Lauren Pannell, William Beisswenger, Bridget Beisswenger, James Overholser, and Aubrey Overholser; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Richard's life will occur at Roswell United Methodist Church Thursday, August 29 at 11:00 am followed by a visitation. There will be a short service of internment with military rites at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Ga at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Blvd, Roswell, GA 30075 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr  
Canton, GA 30114  
(770) 479-9300

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Roswell United Methodist Church  
814 Mimosa Blvd  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Richard R. Overholser*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard R. Overholser.*



August 28, 2019 at 11:56 AM



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August 28, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard R. Overholser.*



August 27, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard R. Overholser.*



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August 27, 2019 at 12:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard R. Overholser.*



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August 26, 2019 at 10:24 AM