



## Mr. Richard Henry Schafer

July 10, 1944 - December 30, 2015

.Our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Richard H. Schafer, passed away

courageously on December 30, 2015 at the age of 71. Dick was born in Metuchen, NJ on July 10, 1944. He served in the United States Navy as a Fire Control Technician. He was later employed by Hewlett-Packard, where he retired after 28 years of service. Dick moved to Boise, ID in 1977 and then to Marietta, GA in 1985. He is survived by his loving wife, Geri Schafer, 3 children –

Dawn McCaughtry, Sheri Watson, and Keith Schafer, 5 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

5580 Knox Bridge Hwy.,  
Canton, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Richard Henry Schafer*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I was so sorry to learn that Richard was recently called home. He was known to me as a fellow chatter from CCR, where a number of us gather to discuss politics and the news of the day. But we also discussed a variety of other topics, including his vast knowledge of Civil War history, his military service, his trips with Clarissa, the many adventures of sweet Josie, and so much more. He was blessed with a warm sense of humor and had such passion for his family.*

*He knew I was a childcare provider and would often send me links to various resources for my kids. One of them was a link to the Berry College Eagle Cam right there in his beloved Georgia, which we have enjoyed for going on three years. I will always think of him when I watch them now and smile, knowing that "He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand." He will be greatly missed, but I know we will meet again.*

*Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. May God bless and comfort you in your time of grief.*

**Alexis Carole** - January 23, 2016 at 03:39 PM

JG

“ He was one of the "Good Guys" that helped build HP's image as a leader in the computer industry.

*Joe Gills*

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**Joe Gills** - January 23, 2016 at 08:59 AM

EM

“ So sad my Friend, I miss the heck out of you in CCR. Rest in peace and hold a spot for me in Heaven. To his Family, he was a great man. Prayers for you all. Ed McGarvey  
*Better known as ed\_from\_pa.*

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**Ed McGarvey** - January 23, 2016 at 01:54 AM



“ I knew him from chatting online and had the pleasure of sharing breakfast with him a couple of years ago when passing through Cartersville GA. He was a good man who often talked of his love for his family and who had a razor wit. May he rest in peace.

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**Steve Lapp** - January 22, 2016 at 10:54 PM

SM

“ We were all so sorry to hear of the passing of Richard. He was known to us chatters as either Fedup or Capt Kudzu. He had the greatest sense of humor. He was always teasing me about feeding my dog Sparky. Sometimes he'd say Sparky had emailed Josie complaining about being fed late. Then of course they emailed one another about various things. It became a big joke for everyone. We will really miss him.

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**Sherri Mariscales** - January 22, 2016 at 07:29 PM

DG

“ I have never met Dick , but as I know some of the family , I am saddened to hear of his passing. It is clear from how was spoken about, that he was not just a good man , but also very loved. All of heart felt condolences from us. - Dr Ray and all of us at Bradford

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**Dr Raymond B Gaskey** - January 08, 2016 at 03:57 PM

KR

“ Uncle Dick, you always said exactly what was on your mind. This is a unique personality trait that is so rarely found. I'll always remember sitting on my parents' back porch talking about everything that tickled us the wrong way :) I'm so glad I had the opportunity.  
May you rest in peace.  
Love, Kristen

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**Kristen** - January 08, 2016 at 02:36 PM

MB

“ Dick Was a great mentor and friend. His wit and charm will be dearly missed!

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**Mike Brandon** - January 08, 2016 at 12:27 PM

FW

“ Wont be the same, we cant sit and talk anymore about stuff that irritated us. We had something that was good always looked forward to his point of view. We are going to miss you and your straight up point of view. Love you dad.

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**Frank Watson** - January 07, 2016 at 11:08 PM

LJ

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Laurie and Jim** - January 07, 2016 at 09:09 PM

JR

“ I've known and thought very highly of Dick for the past 42+ years. For the longest time I've considered him one of my best friends if not my best. I first met Dick at an HP New York Area CE function back in the early 70's shortly after he hired on in the Paramus, NJ area sales office. Although I worked in the HP Long Island office we had many opportunities to work together and socialize. Over time we've shared so many memorable times together, way too many to even mention. Our friendship continued when Dick relocated to Boise and later to the Atlanta RC. When I transferred to the RC in 1990, working with Dick again became one of the benefits of that move. Dick retired from HP in 2000 and he convinced me to retire in 2002. Since then, almost every week (typically Wednesday) we'd go for lunch and shop at Costco. Many times with other retired HP friends like Phil Haseltine and Jim Thomas. We'd discuss everything from the "old days" at HP, politics (Dick was definitely a conservative's conservative), investing (also conservative) or almost anything else going on in our lives. I'm really going to miss that time together. I already do!

*Dick: It's been one of my greatest pleasures having your friendship. You were one unique individual. I hope I have the opportunity to see you again.*

*Love ya man!*

*Jim Rogers*

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**Jim Rogers** - January 07, 2016 at 03:09 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Henry Schafer.



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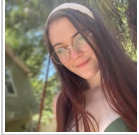
January 07, 2016 at 01:45 PM



“ My Uncle Dick! I have know you all my life and loved you very much! I will miss you in my heart, even though I didn't see you all the time. I knew you loved me too. I remember you giving my brother and I sailor outfits when we were little kids, while you were in the navy. Also giving me for Christmas present a Charmin Chatty Doll. Miss you always. Love Sylvia.

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**Sylvia Keyser** - January 07, 2016 at 12:28 PM



“ my papa has been my hero since I was a really young girl. he took me on trips to fascinating places, had picnics with me (theres a picture of him sitting in front of a piece of cloth with a fruit plate on top of it in the photo gallery), shared chocolate turtles with me, stayed up at night talking to me, built birdhouses with me, & I sat on a pillow on the floor, next to his own pillow where he sat. he was one of my favorite family members to hang out with, & we shared a mutual bond that I don't think he ever had with anyone else. my papa was lighthearted & humorous, deeply opinionated & passionate in what he believed, & very invested in my education & development. he was there for me in a way no one ever has been, & believed in me when I was sure no one else did. he was one of the best men I have ever met & I am so glad he was a big part of my childhood. I will always miss my papa, but when I meet him in Heaven I will give him the best high five hes ever gotten. I love you papa, & ill see you later.  
~Clarissa

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**Clarissa Ellinger** - January 06, 2016 at 05:38 PM



“ *Bill Weaver purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Richard Henry Schafer.*



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**Bill Weaver** - January 06, 2016 at 04:40 PM

BW

“ Dick has been my friend since 1988. I had talk with Dick for several years before I met him, but after meeting him we soon became friends and over time he became my best friend for all these years. We fished together, that means I paddled the canoe while Dick fished. We hunted together, that means he got deer while I never even saw a deer. We fixed cars together, that means Dick told me what to do and stayed clean while I was covered in oil and grease. We worked together at HP, which means I learned a lot from a truly marvelous teacher. We would have wonderful long talks every day about everything from fishing to how to run the country.

Then as often does in life, things changed and we were out of touch for several years but I always considered him my best friend.

We got back together in a particular hard time in my life and he was there to give me the kick in the butt I needed to get my head on straight. We stayed in touch but again due to distance, him in Georgia and me in Idaho, not as much as we would have liked. He agreed to be the best man at my wedding and I am forever grateful that he accepted. I will remember that day forever. Dick Schafer the man who could teach to hundreds of student at a time, from all over the world, who worked with VP's of HP without a single tremor was shaking like a aspen leaf in the wind when he give the best mans speech. It showed just how much he cared about what he was saying.

In my last email to Dick I told him I would see him again and I truly expect to see Dick when I crossover there ready to kick my butt if needed once again.

Geri there is no way to say how sorry I am for what you are going through at this time. Nothing I say will help but I know from having lost love ones only time will help. Please accept our condolences.

Bill and Peg Weaver

**Bill Weaver** - January 06, 2016 at 03:24 PM

TF

“ *The McCaughtry Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mr. Richard Henry Schafer.*



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**The McCaughtry Family** - January 06, 2016 at 10:09 AM

CW

“ *We would like to offer you and your family our deepest and most sincere condolences and may the soul of Dick Schafer rest in peace.*

*Cliff Watton and Family*

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**Cliff Watton** - January 06, 2016 at 08:30 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Northside Chapel** - January 05, 2016 at 11:03 AM

SH

*He loved his grandchildren and they adored him back! My dad has always been a rock to me and my children. He was always there for us when we were in need. We will miss him beyond measure! Love you dad! ~ Sheri*

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**Sheri** - January 05, 2016 at 07:47 PM



“ 104 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Northside Chapel** - January 05, 2016 at 10:01 AM

BS

“ Sorry to hear the passing of Dick. Worked with Dick on a site in Japan many years ago. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Bernie Staley*

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**Bernie Staley** - January 05, 2016 at 09:34 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Henry Schafer.



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January 05, 2016 at 08:08 AM

DC

“ Well, I knew Dick since very early on in my career at HP. He was affable, smart, funny, great to have a beer with, and the man was simply good at his job and embraced "The HP way." Can't say, like Phil can, that we were close friends; geography interceded. But I knew him quite well, and I trusted him without doubt.

*He was just a very good man. Honest and sincere with a "fierce intellect," and pragmatic. And kind and someone I could talk to about anything. The world is lesser for his passing.*

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**Dean Cashen** - January 04, 2016 at 09:15 PM

SA

“ The entire HP Family of the Bill and Dave Club sends our deepest sympathy. He will be missed.

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**Sue Appleton** - January 04, 2016 at 07:06 PM

PH

“ 37 years Dick and I knew each other. From our first meet in Boise Idaho to moving onto the same street together. Our families grew up together for the 30 years we were down here in Atlanta. He was my best friend.

*Geri, Dawn, Sheri and Keith, I will always be here for you.*

*Phil, Colleen, Chris, Jon and Cherie Haseltine*

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**Phil Haseltine** - January 04, 2016 at 05:44 PM

JL

*The team of Dick and Phil were two of the originals that set the standards for product support from the RC. With their field experience and division connections they soon became the resources for the field. We were thrilled when both decided to come to Atlanta and it became difficult for CE'S west of the Mississippi not to call the Atlanta RC. Dick will be remembered for his technical love of family, technical ability, sense of humor and dedication to the job. Thanks Dick for all your support. RIP*

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**Joe Lingle** - January 04, 2016 at 06:03 PM

 Dave Bodkin

*Dick was a mentor, friend and fellow submarine veteran. He was one of a kind and will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathy's.*

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**Dave Bodkin** - January 04, 2016 at 08:01 PM

CH

*i first met Dick when he came to Detroit to help with a problem the team was having with a customer . Phil introduced me to Dick as the " bald headed pygmy". I thought that was a rather odd description of someone. Dick and Geri embraced Phil as one of the family when he went out to Boise to attend classes. They moved here in early 1985 and we soon followed. We have been best friends every since then. There are so many stories I could share about him but I will just give you a hint about one.... It involves Phil, Dick, lights from a car and someone honking a horn..If you have not heard this one, ask Phil, it's a classic!! Dick could come off as a hard headed guy but deep down he was a softy.He truly loved his family and his friends. RIP Dick. I know if God has any problems with his computer up there in heaven you will be shaking your head saying "get me a beer and I will see what I can do to help you out". Much love, Colleen*

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**Colleen Haseltine** - January 04, 2016 at 09:21 PM

KM

*Dick and I worked together in the HP Hardware Support organization on the Predictive Support program. As many have mentioned, Dick was a remarkable person to know and work with (once you cracked that tough crusty exterior). I will forever remember his wit and wisdom. Rest in peace my friend. Ken*

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**Ken Mead** - January 05, 2016 at 03:43 PM

GW

*I first met Dick when he was a CE in Paramus NJ and I, a CE in W. Conshohocken PA. Boy that was a long time ago... When Dick moved to Boise we kept in touch on training visits, and when he moved to the Response Center in Atlanta, I was recruited and transferred to Boise to fill the position he held there.*

*Dick was always so easy to work with, and I'll miss him...*

*Gene Williams*

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**Gene Williams** - January 06, 2016 at 12:00 PM

JT

*I used to go hunting in Idaho with Dick many years ago. My deepest sympathy to Gerry and family.*

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**John Thornton** - January 06, 2016 at 02:30 PM

RH

*Geri, I have enjoyed seeing all of these beautiful family photos, and tributes. I never had the privilege of meeting Dick, but I can tell he was very loved by all who knew him! I love Clarrissa's tribute! I am praying for your family, and will be thinking of you all. With much love, Regina ( Styles to Please)*

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**Regina Haley** - January 06, 2016 at 08:07 PM

EW

*Gerry and family I am so sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with you cuz . i know it is said it gets easier but im still waiting nfor that day myself as its been 2 years since i lost my best friend and love of my life and feels like yesterday that God took him away ,but just know he will always be with you all in your heart and he is at peace . Love you Gerry always your cousin Eleanor*

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**eleanor woodmansee** - January 06, 2016 at 10:07 PM

DC

*My recollections of the 'Dick and Phil' team helping me and other HP engineers in Australia are still with me 33 later. Dick was part of the fun of working with HP in those days and was a great source of knowledge and technical leadership to all of us who kept HP systems running.  
David Collins - Melbourne Australia*

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**david collins** - January 07, 2016 at 08:07 AM

KF

*Dick worked with my husband Gary Ferguson for many years in Boise. So our paths crossed several times especially at HP social gatherings. Dick was funny, had great stories and was the best in his field. Dick will be missed. Geri, I will be thinking of you as you travel the difficult journey of losing a spouse.*

*Karen Ferguson, Boise*

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**karen ferguson** - January 07, 2016 at 09:45 AM

 Bill  
Cox

*I met Dick in the Atlanta Response Center when I joined up there. He was a great person to work with, and had a knack for dropping a line that would crack someone up. When I left Atlanta for Boise, he was part of the group that gave me a fly rod as a gift. He bent me ear on all the great places to go fly fishing in Idaho, having no idea of where these places were. I learned and he was right, I had great fun fly fishing. His gift of telling stories will not be forgotten. I am sorry to hear of his passing and hugs to his family.*

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**Bill Cox** - January 07, 2016 at 02:01 PM

DM

*I first met Dick in a Series 64 training class in California, I think it was 1982. He was a disc specialist in Boise at the time, but wanted to better understand the big picture. We were lab partners and actually survived an earthquake one day in the lab. Granted, it was a minor one that the locals barely noticed, but it got out attention.*

*Several year later I moved from Rockville to Atlanta to be part of the Response Center CE Assist team. Part of the reason I made the move was that while I was on loan to the RC, Joe Lingle showed me an org chart that included Dick. That immediately gave credibility to the group that Joe was putting together. I am not sure how I made the cut, but am very grateful to have been able to work with Dick and the other talented people that were part of that team.*

*We worked closely for several years, usually on critical problems. One of the big issues early on was when the 7933 disc heads were corrupting data. Dick was instrumental in creating a way to save the data, which in addition to preventing data loss also saved customers time. Not to mention a lot of ugly situations for HP.*

*Even after moving to different positions, I would continue to work with him. Besides the great technical help, Dick would provide good insight into the overall problem and the people that were involved. You could always count on Dick for a straight honest answer.*

*We did a lot together outside the office in the early Atlanta years. Whether it was bowling, car repairs, landscaping or installing storm windows, it was always fun.*

*It is truly an honor to to have worked with Dick and to have had him as a friend. He touched so many people, and will definitely be missed. Thoughts and prayers for his family.*

*Dale McCoy*

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**Dale McCoy** - January 07, 2016 at 05:33 PM



TM

*I met Dick many years ago while I was a CE on Long Island. He was always the "Go To" Guy when it came to Disc problems. After many years with Dick helping me out he relocated to the Atlanta Response Center.*

*As luck would have it I relocated to Atlanta myself a few years after Dick. In Atlanta I continued to use Dick as one of the main resources with technical problems.*

*When I became "Disconnected" from HP of a few years I had the opportunity to join Dick, Jim Rogers and others during their weekly luncheon at various locations. Dick would always have a passionate opinion on something which was often the topic of conversation.*

*He'll be missed by me and many others.*

*Rest In Peace Dick*

*Tom Marra*

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**Tom Marra** - January 08, 2016 at 12:09 PM



*I will always remember Dick for his wit and many conversations in CCR over the years. I always looked forward to talking with him about all things in politics, our lives, his family, and the future. God Bless you Dick.*

*Thoughts, prayers to his family*

*I know I will miss you*

*Bruce Fox*

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**Lynda Fox** - January 24, 2016 at 08:37 AM

JG

*Dick and Phil always made time to help me with "Disc" questions, as I was a SW Support Engineer and depended on their kindness and ability to translate very technical HW information into something I could grasp. I was always in awe of their vast knowledge! I truly believed Dick when he told me that they had commissioned the county to change the road that he and Phil lived on to (you guessed it!) "Disc Drive". Not only did I leave with my questions answered, but always a smile on my face. I am so grateful to have had the fortune of working with Dick for so many years. God bless you Dick!*

*Julie Shiels Gamble*

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**Julie Shiels Gamble** - February 07, 2016 at 08:17 PM