

## **RICHARD LLOYD WOLF**

Richard L. Wolf of Orchard Park, NY, died on 7 July 1998 in Buffalo, NY. He was the beloved husband of Joani (Szustakowski) Wolf; father of Douglas S., Jonathan, Todd R., Gregory R. and Jeffery M. Wolf; grandfather of Trevor, Grayson, Jackson, Hannah, and Travis; brother of Betty Leverenz, Mary DePew, Gary Wolf; son of Margaret Wolf; also survived by many nieces and nephews. The family received friends and later services were held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Orchard Park.

Hailing from upstate, New York, Dick reported to the Academy, after spending two years at the University of Rochester, where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and the NROTC program. Having completed several years of college before arriving at the boat school, Dick brought experience and a gentle wit to ease the transition of his roommates and friends to the light and life of the big city. Always with a bright twinkle in his eye and a rum crooked cigar in his teeth, Dick provided a wonderful blend of intelligence and common sense that challenged the core of the institution. His strength of character was his hallmark. Dick was a good friend and a great shipmate. He lived life to it's fullest and will be sorely missed.

While it was thought he might choose the Marine Corps for his vocation, the first three years after graduation were spent as an Air Force Ballistic Missile Officer at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, TX. He chose the Air Force because he wanted to "fly higher and faster" and that was the "primary" business of the Air Force. Completing his obligated service writing weapons manuals (Yellow Pages) for his "USAF," so much for flying fast and high, he joined the ranks of the business world and made his mark in quick stride.

The next three years were spent at Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago. Upon graduation and admission to the bar in 1966, he joined the law firm of Jaeckle, Fleischmann, and Mugel in Buffalo. He was named a full partner of the law firm in 1969 and named head of its labor management law department the following year

At the end of 1972, he left the private practice of law and moved into industry as the General Counsel of Trico Products Corporation, the world's largest manufacturer of windshield wiping equipment. By 1990, he was its Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, dividing his time between Buffalo headquarters and plants in Texas, Mexico, England and Australia. He also traveled extensively in connection with business arrangements with French, Japanese, German and Italian firms.

Dick found the burdens of business were ease by the delight his four sons gave him, providing little cause for worry. Further, the love and support of Joani, enabled him to deal with the ultimate hurdle placed in front of him.

Dick fought the battle with his illness with courage and tenacity. He was only 62 years old, yet those he touched felt fortunate to have had him working among them an example and role model They all observed the courage and strength he displayed during his battle with cancer and the various adverse effects of his treatment therapy.

He was always proud to comment on his Naval Academy days and in particular certain of his closest classmates. His warm smile around the office and his enthusiastic interest in his coworkers and community will be missed.

*William E. Lewis, Jr. '60  
Shipmate, April 1999*