



## Richard Daniel Sorensen

December 21, 2020

Richard Daniel Sorensen passed away on December 21, 2020, from acute respiratory failure while battling COVID-19.

Richard, originally from Meriden, CT, lived in Olney, MD until retiring and moving to Salisbury, NC. In 1955, at age 12, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the youngest in history at that time. This drive and motivation continued to resonate throughout his life. He was a proud Veteran and served in the Air Force from 1963-1967. After the Air Force, he worked for the State of Connecticut where he developed the State Alcoholism Treatment and Prevention Plan, the State Health Plan and State Medical Facilities Plan. In 1981, he began at the Department of Veterans Affairs where he worked as the Assistant Director for Health Resources Management, successfully moving the VA budget to electronic accounting, and later as the Manager for National Health Systems Projects leading VA hospital investigations for the VHA Medical Inspector. Richard retired from federal service in 2003 and spent most of his retirement in North Carolina on High Rock Lake. He enjoyed traveling the world, writing novels, poems, short stories and letters to the editor, carving wood, especially found wood from the lake, fishing and most importantly spending time with his family. For him, the greatest and most important gift was love. He once said, "You never know how elastic your heart is until you have children; stretching even larger with grandchildren."

He was preceded in death by his parents Daniel Sorensen and Angela Vinci and many aunts and uncles. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Georgia Sorensen, his two daughters Erika (Terrence) Kelley and Megan (Jared) Van Vooren, his grandchildren Titus and Zane Kelley and Adalind, Lincoln and Landon Van Vooren, his siblings Daniel Sorensen (Christine Trzcinski), Robert (Carol) Sorensen and Jilda Sorensen (Alain Gagne) and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Richard will be buried with military honors during a private ceremony at Salisbury National Cemetery. A virtual memorial service will be held on January 16th.

Memorial Service Program: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qDQU57OeqxR2-Ey2LH2-75RUeYtC1\\_1k/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qDQU57OeqxR2-Ey2LH2-75RUeYtC1_1k/view?usp=sharing)

Richard D. Sorensen's Memorial Service

Time: Jan 16, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://cvpcorp.zoom.us/j/99611530695>

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Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Sorensen family. Please visit [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com) for details or to leave condolences.

# Tribute Wall



“ Georgia, Erika, and Megan, we're sorry for your and your extended family's loss. You've honored Rick well with this smiling photo of him, and such a complete obituary, including Rick being the youngest Eagle Scout at the time, his military service and professional career, woodcarving, and how much he loved you, his family.

*B.J. & Mike Connor  
Former neighbors*

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**(Mrs.) B.J. Connor** - January 14, 2021 at 06:30 PM



*Thank you He is peacefully laid to rest Georgia*

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**Georgia Sorensen** - January 16, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ I had the honor to meet Rick and developed a friendship with he and Georgia. I enjoyed listening to his stories of travel, past careers and seeing his talents come alive in his woodcarving. He will be missed. He is at peace and will always be watching over his family who he loved dearly.

*Thoughts and prayers to you all*

*Lisa Johnson*

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**Lisa Johnson** - January 05, 2021 at 09:08 AM

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“ *Danny, Bob and Jilda, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. I remember him from when I went to your house all the time. I also remember how excited you got Jilda, when he and Georgia came to visit after he had moved away. May the memory of him always live in your heart. Prayers go out to all of you and your family.*

*Diane Gawel*

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**Diane Gawel** - January 03, 2021 at 02:51 AM