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Richard "Dick" Allen Becker, 73, of Huntersville, NC passed away peacefully at his home on March 30th. He was born on April 27, 1946 in Glenwood, MN to the late Floyd Sylvester Becker and Ruth Elizabeth Myers. He is a 1965 graduate of Watseka Community High School in Watseka, IL.

He was preceded in death by his son, Richard "Richie" A. Becker, II. Richie died at the age of 15 and was one of the first multiple organ transplantation donors. He helped pave the way for the future of organ transplantation as we know it today - and his story was outlined in Lee Gutkind's book "Many Sleepless Nights - The World of Organ Transplantation"

He leaves his wife Sharon Wagoner Becker; his two daughters, Erika Moskowitz and husband Rod of Mooresville, NC, and Ashley Smith and husband Kevin of Huntersville, NC; his siblings, Donald "Don" Becker (Carol) of St. Louis Park, MN, and Douglas "Doug" Becker (Shirley) of DeMotte IN; his step-siblings, Jim Brooks, David Brooks and Linda Brooks Kissack; his four beloved grandchildren, Mick, Jackson, Grant and Emery; and many close friends.

A Veteran, he proudly served in the U.S. Navy. In 1966 and 1967, Dick served on board the Guided Missile Destroyer USS Wainwright DLG-28 becoming a Vietnam Veteran and being awarded the Vietnam Service Medal. He attained the rank of Torpedoman 2nd Class and was cross trained in Sonar operations. Dick was part of the commissioning crew (Plank Owner) of the USS Wainwright. His last two years of Naval service was spent in New Orleans training Naval Reservist on board of the USS Hyman DD-732. Life member of VFW Post 9488 and American Legion Member of Post 321. Also, a proud member of the USS Wainwright Veterans Association.

An avid golfer, he was a longtime member of the Birkdale Golf and Country Club and served as the President "The Prez" of the Birkdale Golfing Society of the Royal Crown Club.

He retired in his career as a National Sales Manager, focused on CCTV products, security systems, and overseas electronic products manufacturing. Dick also spent many years prior as a business



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owner involved in sales as a dealer and distributor of electronic equipment.

Dick was well-respected in the community as a man of integrity and of good humor. His many friends remember his love for golf, family and a good story. He will be sorely missed.

The family requests that any memorials be made in Dick's name to Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. www.NMCRS.org

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at a later date. In the interim, because we cannot have a service at this time it would be especially meaningful for the family if you could share your memories and photos of Dick at the following link:

<https://www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com/m/obituaries/Richard-Becker-9/Memories>

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family. www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com



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Ric Walden posted:

I was late learning about Dick's passing and was very saddened to hear the news. I still wanted to share some thoughts hoping his family and a few others might know the friend he was to me. Between life stories and golf stories at Arnie's, the jokes never ended. We were most proud of having both served in the US Navy during the Vietnam conflict. With other veteran friends, we attended military memorial services in the Lake Norman area. I listened to countless stories of the Wainwright and he was friend enough to listen to all of mine about service on the minesweepers. I still have the book he found and gave to me about the minesweeper fleet which mentions both of the ships I served on. A good friend, some good memories that will last a long time. Ric Walden

May 19 at 7:56 AM



Mel Hyder posted:

Sandy and I are saddened by the loss of our neighbor. Dick always had a funny story to share with us neighbors and made everyone feel better and happier when he was with us. He was a take charge kind of neighbor and as an example, when one of our entrance walls was smashed by an automobile accident, Dick initiated a meeting with the neighborhood to get it repaired and took it on himself to see that it was rebuilt better than new. Sharon, Ashley, and Erika, we are sorry for the loss of your spouse and dad and know our thoughts are with you during these sad times. Mel and Sandy Hyder

April 5 at 11:11 AM



Don Scott posted:

I would like to represent the USS Wainwright (DLG/CG-28) Veterans Association when I say that Dick Becker was always a joy to have at our reunions every two years. He was a fine man whom no one had an unkind word for. When he would arrive with his wife and Ashley and Erica, the entire mood of the group would jump up to a higher level. He will be sadly missed, and I pray that God will send His peace into the hearts of his family and his friends. God bless you all.

April 4 at 2:20 PM

DS **Don Scott** April 4 at 2:35 PM
(Sorry I mes-spelled your name, Erika.)



Anonymous sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Becker family.

April 3 at 10:14 AM





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JN

Jim Nesta posted:

Dick was a man of his word and a man who everyone liked to be around. In all my years of meeting with Dick he was never in a bad mood. He was uplifting, cared for others, his family and friends. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family

April 3 at 4:21 AM

JF

Jim Filotei posted:

Sharon and family, Dick was a special man and I was very fortunate to be able to call him my friend. He will be missed by all. On behalf of the Filotei family we send our sincere condolences to you and your family. RIP Dick "Prez" Becker

April 1 at 6:59 PM

BS

Bryan Strickland posted:

RIP Mr. Becker!! You meant a lot to me. You can now play that heavenly golf course!!!

April 1 at 9:57 AM

ST

Stu shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

"Prez" was so dedicated to the Crown Club and its members, and family. Not just the golf events but the well-being of each member as a friend. I know he put countless hours into making the club what it is today. Rest In Peace, friend, we will miss you and will see you at the Crown Club in Heaven. Love, Stu Judy and Will



April 1 at 8:26 AM

SM

Sonja McCreary posted:

God bless - the Prez was there for me and the family all the time - I will miss his laugh, smile, and gentle spirit. Love, Sonja (& forever Bryan), Al & Madison, Liz, Jen McCreary

April 1 at 8:15 AM



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Adam posted:

Sharon and Family - I am so sorry for your loss. Dick "Prez" was an integral part of the creation of the Crown Club Golfing Society some 10+ years ago and continued to be our guiding light right up until this past weekend. He was a great man and will be missed by all of us as we all have some great memories made with him. We have a great many men at the ready to help you and your family through this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me and let me know how we can help. God Bless you. The Deschenes Family Adam Deschenes Vice President 704.996.4591

April 1 at 7:57 AM



Ed Cook April 3 at 11:02 AM

I lost my best friend Monday. Dick was 'the friend' you will never forget. We met in 1982 in Charlotte working for SFI & that friendship lasted 38 years. He helped thru the loss of my mother and I was there for him when his son passed. The Becker & were great golf & working friends. It seems like yesterday. He will be greatly missed.



Trey Hinson April 1 at 1:16 PM

Prez. You will be greatly missed by both of your families. I'm glad I got to play golf with you and hear your crazy stories. It has been an honor to have you as the Prez of the Crown Club



Ken McCreary April 1 at 8:12 AM

Becker Family. Me and my family consider Dick a great friend. He was wonderful to talk to and play golf with. Wherever I was in the world traveling for work, I would call Dick for Crown Club and golf updates. He will be missed. God bless. Ken, Krissy and the McCreary family.



Elizabeth Reavis posted:

We enjoyed having Dick for a neighbor for many years. Sharon, Richie, Erica, Ashley and he were a 'staple' to Cramur Drive and we will miss him, but will hold fond memories of him. Sharon and the girls, we are so sorry for your loss and are here for you should you need anything. Jerel and Elizabeth Reavis

March 31 at 12:28 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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