



Richard Hylton Obituary

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

December 26, 1934 - February 13, 2024

Richard Philip Hylton, age 89, departed this life on February 13, 2024.

Richard was born December 26, 1934, in Roanoke, Virginia to Alvin Carmel Hylton and Flossie Cora West Hylton.

His family settled in the Shenandoah Valley, an area that remained near and dear to his heart. After Luray High School, Richard joined the United States Airforce where he was trained in radar and electronics, and eventually chosen

to teach.

Upon discharge, his skills were put to use in the private sector through his employment with Univac (now Unisys). He engineered, managed, and oversaw major computer installations all across the country. One of his favorite projects was in collaboration with a NASA team that designed and engineered the computers for the Apollo 11 space mission, the first manned lunar landing.

Realizing that the frequent corporate moves were not in his family's best interest and wanting to find a permanent home for them, Richard left Univac, settled in Charlotte, and opened his own construction business primarily for residential swimming pools, decks, and patios.

Richard was a charter member and proudly served in the Colonel Patrick Ferguson Post 1775 of the Scottish American Military Society (SAMS). Many years were spent volunteering with his wife, Elizabeth, at Rural Hill where the Loch Norman Scottish Games are held each year. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Catawba Valley Scottish Society.

Richard pursued many hobbies with enthusiasm. He loved reading, gardening, genealogy, leather working, knife making and gunsmithing. Many friends and neighbors enjoyed the bounty of his vegetable garden and fruit trees each year which he freely shared.

His survivors include his loving wife of 70 years, Elizabeth Katherine Kellogg Hylton; daughters Alisa Kathleen Hylton (John McPherson) and Heather Hylton Tapp (Richard); grandsons Ian Burke Hylton McPherson (Martyna Pace) and Nelson Crawford Poe, III (Shana); great-grandchildren Nelson Crawford Poe, IV, Grayson Manning Poe, and Bennett Grace Poe; and brothers Duane Evans Hylton (Carol) and Bernie Gene Hylton (Donna). He was predeceased by a brother, Lee Dell Hylton (Nancy).

The family wishes to thank Via Health Partners Hospice and Palliative Care of Charlotte for their kindness, compassion, and support as they joined with us to provide care for Richard in his final days.

A private service of remembrance will be held this Spring.

Memorial gifts are welcomed to Via Health Partners Hospice and Palliative Care of Charlotte, P. O. Box 470408, Charlotte, North Carolina 28247 (www.viahp.org) or a charity of your choice.

The Hylton Family have entrusted arrangements to Roseboro's Mortuary & Crematory.