



## Richard Reider

February 19, 2026

Richard Reider, 94, of Allentown, PA, passed away Thursday, February 19, 2026 at Arden Courts, a Memory Care Facility in Harrisburg, PA. Dick was born on August 16, 1931 in Steelton, PA to the late Richard B. Reider and Julia (White) Reider. He was married to Joan M. (Taylor) Reider who predeceased him in 2021. Dick is survived by his son, Richard M. Reider and his partner, Cathleen Robinson, of Fort Collins, CO, his daughter, Annette M. van Eeden and her husband, Hendrik van Eeden, of Mount Joy, PA; grandchildren, Patricia (Erik) Lenker, Emily (Marty) King, Morgan (Nick) Agho, Zachary (Nikki) van Eeden, Austin (Jenna) Reider, and Alexander (Jen) van Eeden and 14 great grandchildren.

Dick graduated in 1949 from Steelton High School. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Upon returning from service, he graduated from Keystone Junior College receiving an Associates Degree in Engineering. He also attended Lehigh University. He began his career at Air Products & Chemicals in 1958 and what a career he had until his retirement in 1998! He was engaged in applications and market development activities in support of Air Products' industrial gas business. His contributions over the years helped to define commercial strategies and approaches to new markets. He was extremely successful and looked at everything through the customer's eyes. As a result of his success, in 1994 Air Products awarded him the Chairman's Award for Excellence, an honor that his family is so very proud of. He traveled

throughout the United States, Europe, South America, Africa, and Asia, introducing industrial gas technology to potential customers. Dick was a master at developing people as he also trained Air Products sales personnel and conducted startups in customer plants all over the world.

Dick was a member of the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, PA and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

His passion was golfing, and he especially enjoyed his golf trips to Pinehurst, and Myrtle Beach, SC. He enjoyed classic tailoring, Jack Daniels, a good Beefeater Martini with a twist, and exercising at the gym. He will be remembered for his great storytelling and the love and support he showered on his children and grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian of burial will be held on Friday, February 27, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1825 W. Turner St., Allentown PA. A calling period will begin at 10:30 AM. Burial to follow at Resurrection Cemetery, Allentown.

Memorial Contributions can be made in his memory to Tunnel's to Towers or St. Jude Children's Hospital c/o Trexler Funeral Home, 1625 W. Highland St. Allentown, PA 18102.

Condolence may be offered at [trexlerfuneralhome.com](http://trexlerfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

547 N Krocks Rd  
Allentown, PA 18106

# Previous Events

## Calling Hour

FEB 27. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral Church St Catharine of Siena  
1825 W Turner St  
Allentown, PA 18104  
(610) 433-6461

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

GL

“ I had the good fortune, privilege and pleasure to work with Dick for 25 years, and to know him for over 50 years. He was a great, wonderful human being and I consider myself blessed to be one of the many people whose careers and lives have been enriched by him. My condolences and best wishes to his family and friends.

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**George Lytle** - March 10 at 07:09 PM

LB

“ Dick and Joan will surely be missed. I've known Dick since 1976, when he hired my husband Scott to work for him in AR&D dept at Air Products. Scott really loved Dick as a boss and a friend. They went on many golfing trips together. Scott passed in December 2022 and if he were here he would have loved to eulogize Dick at the funeral. To the family, so sorry for your loss.

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**Linda Becker** - March 02 at 02:55 PM

SD

“ I was blessed to work at Arden Courts where Dick was living during this last season of life. I must say it was truly a pleasure to walk along side him during this part of the journey. He was one of the kindest people I've worked with and will truly miss him. Wonderful man a wonderful family.

*Sheri Dohner*  
*Arden Courts of Susquehanna*

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**Sheri Dohner** - February 25 at 08:09 AM

BE

“ Dick hired me at Air Products. I was lucky enough to work with Dick until he retired and to play golf with him weekly for many many years after. Dicks energy and enthusiasm was amazing. He will be missed. My condolences to the family.

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**Buddy Eleazer** - February 24 at 11:06 AM

LP

“ I cherish 66 years of friendship with Dick Reider. We carpoled in Air Products 1960 days and Dick went on to be high on the roster of those who made the Company grow and succeed. Our lefty golfer too- he could sink a putt. A wonderful colleague! R.I.P.

*Lanny Patten*

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**Lanny R. Patten** - February 24 at 06:08 AM

GB

*One of the first guys I met there and a great guy. Was on his golf team for some great times*

*RIP Gary Bender*

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**Gary G Bender** - February 24 at 06:59 AM

JB

*I joined Air Products in 1976 and worked in AR&D. Dick was the Marketing Manager. His dedication, energy and guidance made AR&D the premier organization in our industry. Dick developed hundreds of our marketing engineers who became industry leaders. Dick would spend hours with each one who was making a presentation at an industry conference and he would guide them to refine their presentations until they were perfect. He was demanding because his team was representing Air Products and so they needed to be at their best.*

*Dick was a people person. He welcomed everyone with a smile. I recall a party we had at our house. My then 4 or 5 year old son Kevin wanted someone to play ping pong with him. Kevin's head barely reached above the table. Dick picked up a paddle and played a game with Kevin. Kevin still remembers that event. That's what Dick was all about...thinking about others.*

*Dick helped me develop my work skills. He was great to work with. I will miss him but I will cherish the memories and stories of our time together in AR&D.*

*You lived life well. You helped so many. Thank you for all of us.*

*Rest well*

*John Boyle*

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**John Boyle** - February 25 at 03:16 PM

CL

*“ I had the pleasure of working with Dick briefly years ago, and he was one of the kindest colleagues I’ve ever known. Prayers to his family.*

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**Chris Leiby** - February 22 at 06:26 AM

PW

*“ Prayers to Dick’s family I enjoyed working with him while I was in the govern contracting group at Air Products*

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**Philip winkler** - February 20 at 10:23 PM