



Richard "Rick" Fraunfelder

January 12, 1945 - July 18, 2025

In Loving Memory of Richard D. Fraunfelder (1945–2025)

Richard "Rick" Fraunfelder, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away on July 18, 2025, at the age of 80, following cardiac arrest at PeaceHealth St. Joseph Hospital in Bellingham, Washington.

Rick lived a long life filled with love, laughter, and commitment to his family, country, and community. Born in Lakewood, Ohio, he pursued higher education at George Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio, and earned a master's degree from Mississippi State University in Oxford, Mississippi.

A distinguished military and commercial pilot, Rick retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of honorable service marked by integrity and dedication. In retirement, he embraced his passions as an expert woodworker, cabinet maker, and skilled orchardist. At his beloved Apple Creek Orchards in Ferndale, Washington, Rick operated a popular U-Pick orchard for nearly two decades, sharing his beautiful apples and pears with the community each October.

Known for his humor, kindness, and generosity, Rick left an indelible mark on

all who knew him. Despite battling Frontotemporal Dementia in his final years, his spirit remained strong.

Rick is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nancy; his children, Lori and Richard; his five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his brother, George Fraunfelder of Gladstone-Peapack, New Jersey; and his sister, Elizabeth White of Petoskey, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD) at theaftd.org, honoring Rick's memory and supporting others facing this challenge.