

# Richard Joseph Horvath

January 16, 1947 - February 19, 2018

Richard "Dick" Horvath, 71, of Spring, TX, unexpectedly passed away on February 19, 2018.

Dick was survived by his mother, Alice Williams Horvath, of Walnutport, PA, his brother-in-law John Mack McCann of Houston, and his two daughters, Brandi McCann Horvath and Kerri McCann Horvath of Spring. He is preceded in death by his father, Joseph Horvath of Palmerton, PA and his wife, Margaret McCann Horvath.



Born: January 16, 1947

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Richard "Dick" spent his childhood years in Palmerton, PA and graduated from Palmer High School in 1964. His friends called him "Chops" and he loved playing baseball. He went on to graduate from University of Delaware in 1968 with a B.S. in chemical engineering and immediately moved to San Francisco to work as a chemical engineer specializing in corrosion for Shell Oil Company. Shortly thereafter he was transferred to Houston, where he became a corrosion expert in the petrochemical and refining industry. His involvement with NACE International and the American Petroleum Institute (API) highlighted his significant contributions and achievements in new design, technology support, global standards and research. In 1971, he met Margaret McCann and they were married on March 25, 1972. During his engineering career with Shell Oil, they also lived in both the New Orleans area and Baton Rouge, Louisiana before returning to Spring in 1982. While living in Louisiana, Margaret and Dick were blessed with the births of their two daughters, Brandi McCann Horvath and Kerri McCann Horvath, now both also of Spring. Dick was an avid tennis player and loved to travel the world going places such as Europe, South America, China and the Middle East. Most recently, his greatest hobby was pursuing the art of wine tasting and living his life to the fullest.

A Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm with Vigil Service at 7:00 pm at the Klein Funeral Home, 16131

Champions Forest Drive, Klein, TX 77379. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am, Thursday, March 1, 2018 at St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church, 7810 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379 with interment to follow at Klein Memorial Park, FM 2920. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider making a donation in Dick's name to Texas Heart Institute or American Heart Association.