

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD NICHOLAS

THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED AT A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

JANUARY 19, 2020

1:00PM HUBBARD HALL, TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, THE FAMILY WISHES CONTRIBUTIONS BE MADE TO:

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION DR. RICHARD NICHOLAS SCHOLARSHIP ONLINE: HTTPS://POF.TWU.EDU/ MAIL: TWU FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 425618 DENTON, TX 76204-5618

OR

AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY OF AMERICA ANNE AND FRANK TINARI ENDOWMENT ONLINE: WWW.AVSA.ORG/DONATIONS

Celebrating the Life of

Richard Alan Nicholas

January 28, 1945 - November 22, 2019



January 19, 2020 Texas Woman's University Richard Alan Nicholas was born in St. Joseph, Missouri to James and Helen (Robinson) Nicholas. As an only child, Richard amazed his parents with his creativity, curiosity, intelligence and caring nature. At the age of 1 ¹/₂ he moved to Texas, where he spent most of his life. After graduating from McCallum High School in Austin, he attended the University of Texas at Austin where he received his Bachelor's degree in Geology. His love for students and higher education led him to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, where he received his Master's Degree in College Student Personnel and Higher Education. Several years later he returned to UT Austin where he earned his Ph.D in Higher Education Administration.

Richard married his college sweetheart, Anne, in 1970. Their beloved family includes their only child Laura, her husband, Brian Hupach, and two beautiful granddaughters, Brianna and MaKaya.

Richard worked at several universities, progressing his career in Student Life, before coming to Texas Woman's University in Denton in 1996. Richard loved his university and the time he spent mentoring students. He proudly watched the successes of his students around the country. He served as the Vice President for Student Life until his retirement in 2014.

Richard had many hobbies including traveling, collecting gems and minerals, and researching, collecting and displaying philatelic stamps. His specific area of interest was Hawaiian stamps, which he recently used to create his first stamp exhibit earning him a gold medal. Richard enjoyed growing African Violets and hybridizing his own group of violets all under the name Lone Star. He served as President of the African Violet Society of America from 2017-2019. He and Anne shared all these activities and relished their quiet life at home together. In addition to his family, he loved dogs and at least one canine companion always enriched his life.

Richard learned to love and care for others from his beautiful mom, Helen. These were traits he carried with him his entire life, making him a constant source of love, support, guidance and friendship to all who knew him. Richard will be remembered for his quiet wit and humor, dignity, respect, wisdom, and his love of life. Everyone who knew Richard had their life forever changed for the better. He leaves behind a wonderful legacy and will be missed greatly.

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Welcome

Monica Mendez-Grant, Ph.D, Vice President for Student Life Texas Woman's University

Opening Prayer

Reverend Gina Biddle

"Jealous of the Angels" Donna Taggart

Tributes

Dr. Charles Marsh, M.D., Brother-in-Law and Fraternity Brother Sue Ramser, Friend from the African Violet Society of America Dennis Jackson, Fellow Hawaii Philatelist Dr. Amber Garrison Duncan, Ph.D, Family Friend and TWU Alumna Chalese Connors, Family Friend and TWU Colleague

Sharing of Memories

Open invitation to all guests

Richard's Life Journey Through Pictures

"Hallelujah Chorus" Song from George Frederic Handel's Messiah Royal Choral Society

Benediction and Closing prayer Reverend Gina Biddle

Acknowledgement The family would like to sincerely thank all the family and friends who have provided love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. They feel truly blessed to be surrounded by such wonderful and caring people.

One of Richard's favorite places on campus was The Little Chapel in-the-Woods. We invite anyone, who is interested, to go and meditate or say a prayer in memory of Richard to please visit the chapel and enjoy its beauty. Richard would be honored to share his love of the chapel with each of you.

Memorials

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes contributions be made to:

1. The Texas Woman's University Foundation for the Dr. Richard Nicholas Scholarship Fund

Phone: 940-898-3863 Mail: TWU Foundation, P.O. Box 425618 Denton, TX 76204-5618 Online: <u>https://pof.twu.edu/</u>

 African Violet Society of America Anne and Frank Tinari Endowment Fund Online: <u>www.avsa.org/donations</u>

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"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted." -Matthew 5:4