



## Richard Low Kahn

July 8, 1933 - June 17, 2024

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July 8, 1933 - June 17, 2024, age 90, passed away in Palm Springs, California.

Dick was born in Appleton, Wisconsin on July 8, 1933 to Elise Low Kahn and Herbert Mandel Kahn. He attended grade school and junior high in Appleton until 1947 when his family moved to the Milwaukee area. Dick attended Whitefish Bay High School, graduating in 1951. He was the first of three generations to graduate from "The Bay". Dick had a keen interest in photography and was a significant contributor to the Tower yearbook. Dick attended Purdue University where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity and graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering. While at Purdue he was part of a greeting committee that welcomed a train with new freshman and on this train was his future bride, Maureen Ball, of Chicago. Maureen and Dick were married September 2, 1956. Dick and Maureen moved to Madison, Wisconsin where Dick obtained a master's degree in business administration. Upon graduation they moved to Milwaukee and had two children, Julie Ellen and Michael Alan. They raised their children in Whitefish Bay, with grandparents close by in Glendale and Fox Point.

Dick pursued a career in engineering, working for A. O. Smith and General

Merchandise where he was a programmer for the very first IBM computers. He also had numerous business interests which eventually led him to more schooling to obtain his Stockbroker License and Certification as a Financial Analyst. After a dedicated career as a trust officer and analyst he retired from Robert Baird and Company to do private consulting work.

Dick had a multitude of interests that ranged from sports to art. Even though he retired 35 years ago he stated that he never ever was bored, not even for a minute. Dick was always busy, no idle time in his life and he was engaged in higher learning, community and religious volunteer work. His lifelong interest in sports could be attributed to his time as a young boy at North Star Camp and cheering for the Green Bay Packers. He loved playing tennis and golf, sailing and snow skiing, reading, bridge and photography. He built a tremendous Lionel train collection that was laid out in a magnificent working display for his children and grandchildren. He loved traveling. Whether he was seeking out a quaint town, exploring the East and West coasts of North America, the National Parks, big and small cities throughout the world, Dick's adventures began right after college with a buddy trip to Europe and culminated cruising through the Panama Canal shortly after celebrating his 90th birthday. Dick loved all forms of art, both the performing and mixed media. He was a patron of the musical and dramatic theater as well as symphony and big band music. He loved glass art, finding some beautiful pieces in California and Door County, Wisconsin. He could fix anything; his engineering skills came in so handy whenever something wasn't working quite right. Dick built wooden toys for his grandchildren. He audited classes at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee when he was in his 70's and 80's.

Dick believed in giving back whenever possible. He was a devoted member and officer of Temple Sinai, a Trustee for the Village of Whitefish Bay, and a board member of North Shore Country Club in Mequon, Wisconsin. His generous, kind spirit and dedication to volunteer work made a huge impact on

his children. He held honesty in highest esteem saying, "I couldn't live with myself if I was dishonest".

Above everything else Dick was a caring and loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend for life. He never missed a tennis tournament, track meet, cross country event, horseshow, camp musical, or orchestra concert. He attended his grandchildren's special events whether they were in Whitefish Bay or Springfield, Missouri. He was a treasured Grandpa, beloved by his 4 grandchildren. He was known to granddaughter Erin and her family as Boppy. Birthdays were very special whether it was one of his or a friend or family member. Celebrations sometimes commenced with a "surprise visit" and these memories will be cherished forever.

During the past 15 years Dick spent winters in Palm Desert, California. He enjoyed the life of a snowbird, playing golf and bridge. He returned to Mequon, Wisconsin each summer where he enjoyed North Shore Country Club, his family and long-time Milwaukee area friends.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, his beautiful wife and mother of his children, Maureen Lois Ball Kahn (September 1994) and his second wife Judi Weil Kahn (December 2008).

Dick is survived by his children Julie Ellen Kahn (Sam Bradley) Squires, Springfield, Missouri; Michael Alan (Margaret) Kahn, Kenosha, Wisconsin; grandchildren Kathleen Kahn, Robert Kahn, Peter Kahn, Erin (Aaron) Olson; great-grandsons Sam and Sterling Olson; brother, Charles Herbert (Teri) Kahn, Los Angeles, California; cousin, Tony (Jan) Joseph, Sarasota, Florida; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his very special love of the past 15 years, Susie Freeman; her daughters Ellie (Jeff) Byrd,

Kathy Lederman, Gail Feinstein; and her many grandchildren.

Funeral services 10 AM Friday, June 21, 2024, at Congregation Sinai, 8223 N. Port Washington Rd., Fox Point. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery, 2615 W. Cleveland Ave., Milwaukee. Memorials to Congregation Sinai.

To join virtually, <https://Sinaimke.livecontrol.tv/b7047de8>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUN 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

Congregation Sinai  
8223 N. Port Washington Rd.  
Fox Point, WI 53217

## Burial

JUN 21 (CT)

Greenwood Cemetery  
2615 W. Cleveland Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53215-2901

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I'll never forget Dick's smile and even-keeled, gentle interest in others. He generated warmth in a way few people do. What a wonderful person.*

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**Adrian Cohen** - July 04, 2024 at 11:44 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire family on the passing of Dick. He was a wonderful person and will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with you*

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**Suzy Buchbinder Ettinger** - June 18, 2024 at 03:37 PM

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“ *Dick was a very friendly nice person. Always ready with a nice hello and smile! He showed genuine interest in you. He will be missed by all.our sympathies to Sue and his family! Sincerely, Dorothy and Al Meyers*

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**dorothy Meyers** - June 18, 2024 at 11:38 AM