



## Richard George Whiting, Jr.

October 30, 1934 - June 12, 2016

Richard George "Dick" Whiting, Jr., 81, of Traverse City, died Sunday, June 12, 2016 at Water's Edge Senior Care in Traverse City.

Dick was born on Tuesday, October 30, 1934 to the late Richard and Evelyn (Tarchinski) Whiting, Sr. in Traverse City, MI. He attended Traverse City Schools and following graduation, continued his education at Michigan State University where he earned his bachelor's degree in international economics. In November of 1956, he married the love of his life, Sandra Champney in Traverse City, who passed March of 1997.

Dick was a real estate appraiser, owning R Whiting Associates; however his passions were with his local community. He really enjoyed downhill skiing and was instrumental in the development of Hickory Hills. He was a ski instructor with Stein Erikson at Boyne Mountain and also taught at Crystal Mountain, Shanty Creek, and Hickory Hills. Serving on the National Ski Patrol for 27 years, Dick was a regional and local director. Alongside the Traverse City Board of Review and Planning Commission Dick directed and formed the first March of Dimes walk-a-thon for Traverse City, he also was responsible for the first Central Neighborhood Association. Dick loved his British cars, and was a long time member/ founder of the local British Car Club. A member of The Optimist Club, Dick was an independent, free spirit. He once said he was going to take a ride and ended up in Alaska. He loved to go on long drives and travel with his late wife Sandy, and since her death, took along his dog Jacque.

Dick is survived by his sons, Carter (Vicki) of Norton Shores, Jeffrey (Lisa), Kevin (Toni) and Mark (Beth), all of Traverse City; 17 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren; brother Howard (Mary) of Vancouver, WA and sisters Joan Horsley of Nevada and Julie Whiting of Traverse City. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Sandy and his brother Bill.

Visitation for Dick will take place Thursday, June 16th from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. A Celebration of Dick's life will take place at Holiday

Hills on July 11 from 5 until 8 p.m. The family has asked that Dick be remembered through memorial contributions to Preserve Hickory, 233 N. Madison St., Traverse City, MI 49684 or online at [preservehickory.com](http://preservehickory.com)

# Cemetery

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## **Oakwood Cemetery**

8th Street

TRAVERSE CITY, MI, 49684

# Comments

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“ I met Dick when I was 17 and a senior in high school. He hired me as a (very green) part time secretary for "Belle Terre" Appraisers. Over the next ten years as I transitioned from secretary to Real Estate Appraiser, Dick became my mentor, friend, and a Father figure to me. I will always remember his knowledge, kindness, and support. He led by example and was a great appraiser, businessman, community volunteer, and person. Thank You Dick for all the great memories and lessons. To Carter, Kevin, Jeff, and Mark, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad.

**Angela Friske** - 15 hours ago