

DR. RICHARD "DICK" LYSLE WHITE



Dr. Richard "Dick" Lysle White, age 85, of Greenville, SC, passed away peacefully on October 9, 2024. Beloved husband of Dr. Joanne (Joni) Francis White; loving father of Kelley and Todd (Donna); and dear "Pop-Pop" of Brandon and Connor, both of Charlotte, NC; brother to Judy (Ron) Sperling of Baltimore, MD and Janet (Gene) Filipek of Pittsburgh, PA. Dick graduated from Peabody High School in 1957 and attended

Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in 1961. He started his career as a chemist with PPG Industries before changing companies to work for Bayer AG (Mobay). He worked his way up through the years to become the Executive Vice President of Bayer and President of Arlanxeo (Polysar) in Canada, retiring after many years of service. During this time, he continued his education, earning a master's degree and Ph.D. in international affairs from the University of Pittsburgh.

His doctoral thesis dealt with international affairs between the U.S. and Nicaragua. This led to a lifelong friendship with Violeta Chamorro, the first democratically elected chief executive in Nicaragua's history who then became President of Nicaragua and elected him Honorary Consul to Nicaragua.

His accolades were many. He served as a member of Bayer's (Miles Inc.) Board of Directors and Executive Committee; Chairman of the Board of Duquesne University and along with Joni, (Assistant Dean of Nursing), helped launch the Center for International Nursing at Duquesne; developed a student exchange program with Nicaragua and opened two free medical clinics to benefit the underprivileged. He was a board member of Valspar Corporation and a long-term board member of Westminster College, and elected Trustee Emeritus; presented with the Business Hall of Fame Laureate by the Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania; board member of the Pittsburgh Opera, the ARC.org; served as the vice chairman for the Pittsburgh Diocese Chimbote Foundation. Long-time supporter of many charities including the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Dick and Joni spent much of their lives in Mt. Lebanon, PA, and some time in Leverkusen, Germany working for Bayer Corporation. Their favorite home was in the Turks and Caicos Islands where they resided for over 20 years, eventually moving to Longboat Key, FL and most recently near his son and family in Greenville, SC. His joy of traveling took them all over the world.

Dick will always be remembered for his proficiency in encouraging education and helping those begin their careers in every imaginable sector. He had the ability to walk into any establishment, big or small, anywhere in the world, and make meaningful connections that led to lifelong friendships. He wanted to be remembered for enjoying his life, to which he did to the fullest.

We will always be grateful for his never-ending generosity, strength, enduring love and encouragement. We will cherish him and his memory for the rest of our days.

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