

Richard M. Shute
Colorado Springs, CO

Date of Death: 1/10/2009

Rick, a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force, died of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in Colorado Springs, his home for 30 years. A member of AFROTC at Dartmouth and of the unit's nationally recognized drill team, Rick spent most of his career as a "missileer," much of that time as a missile launch officer with the Strategic Air Command.

Disaster preparedness was another career specialty. Following retirement from the Air Force, he was first associated with the TSA Company and then with GE, involved with technical studies and analysis & proposal development.

Rick actively enjoyed the outdoors, particularly golf, hunting and fishing. He trained golden retrievers, and made beautiful gunstocks. A member of the Barbary Coast during his undergraduate years, Rick loved music, exemplified by organizing and leading his own band while in the Air Force. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, the former Margaret Shippen, three children and four grandchildren.