

## Frederick(Rick) Z. Jaspersen

Ca. 1939 – August 17, 2021

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Of Bethesda, MD., beloved husband of Margie Jaspersen, passed away on August 17, 2021, after an extended battle with cancer. He was 82. Known as "Rick" to family and "Fred" to colleagues, he was born in Philadelphia and graduated from the Sidwell Friends School (Class of 1957), Washington, DC, and from Dartmouth College in international relations. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees in economics from Indiana University. After a two-year Peace Corps tour of duty in Colombia, Fred worked in Colombia, Venezuela, Chile and Brazil before returning to the DC area and pursuing a career as an economist. He worked with the Inter-American Development Bank, The World Bank, the International Finance Corp., and the Institute of International Finance, specializing in economic development in Latin American countries.



He held numerous fellowships and was a member of the Cosmos Club of Washington, DC. He is survived by his wife, Margie C. Jaspersen; a daughter, Katharina Jaspersen (Robert McKenney); two grandchildren; two sisters, Lucy Ruggles and Barbara Jaspersen; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Jane J. Anderson, and his parents, Frederick F. and Jean Z. Jaspersen.

A celebration of his life is planned for Sunday, September 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Robert Smith Meeting Room at the Sidwell Friends School, 3825 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016.

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According to **Charlie Buffon**, "Rick Jaspersen died yesterday at his home in Bethesda, Maryland. He had liver cancer

Rick who was an international relations major at Dartmouth, had a distinguished career as an economist with the world Bank and related international agencies, with particular responsibilities for Indonesia and Argentina, among other countries.

He was an avid tennis player, and we were in a weekly indoor group for many years. He, Jake Gillespie and I and our spouses had dinner together just before COVID stopped in-person get-togethers. At the time, he already knew he had cancer, but he remained his usual interesting, interested, and always cheerful self, as he was the last time I talked with him by Phone.”

In our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion book, Rick noted that his favorite professor was John Kemeny and that in his profession he did “Country Risk Analysis.” He also observed that he had achieved a perfect horticultural solution to his property. His wife Margie, who had retired from a career at USIA as a reporter covering the Middle East and Latin America, had taken over the back yard. Her efforts which kept Rick away from touching (and killing) plants had transformed an overgrown mess into a bit of heaven.