

Richard Joseph Woodward, age 88, passed away on January 3, 2020 in Hockessin, DE.

Dick was the son of Richard Henley and Genevieve MacMaster Woodward. He was born in New York City in March 1931 and spent his childhood there. He attended St. Bernard's School in New York City and later graduated from St. Paul's School, Concord, NH and from Princeton University, with honors. He served as a field artillery officer during the Korean War then moved to Wilmington, DE for a 39-year career with the DuPont Company.

For most of his long career, Dick worked in corporate communications. As associate director of public affairs, he was responsible for strategy and programming of DuPont's advertising campaigns.

He is best remembered as the sponsor and promoter of the world's first human-powered airplane, Gossamer Albatross. A pedal-powered glider that was flown across the English Channel in 1979 to world acclaim, a congressional gold medal and two dozen prizes and awards. The airplane was designed by Dr. Paul MacCready using DuPont products.

Dick was president and treasurer of the Delaware Zoological Society and a member of several other community boards. He was a longtime member of the Wilmington Rotary Club, the Wilmington Country Club and the Explorer's Club of New York City.

Dick was predeceased by his parents and beloved sister, Mary Hopping Woodward. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, JoAnne Duffy Woodward and by his two children, son Richard Phillips Woodward and wife Jean Williams-Woodward and daughter Jean Woodward Maher and his five grandchildren: Jed and Wyatt Woodward and Samuel, Madeleine and Isabelle Maher.

Services will be at St. Joseph on the Brandywine, Thursday January 9. Visitation will start at 9:30AM followed by Mass at 10:30AM. Burial will follow in the church graveyard. In lieu of flowers, please remember your favorite charity or the Little Sisters of the Poor.

In Loving Memory

## RICHARD JOSEPH WOODWARD

March 20, 1931 ~ January 3, 2020



### Mass of Christian Burial

January 9, 2020

St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church  
Greenville, Delaware

CELEBRANT

The Rev. Monsignor Joseph F. Rebman, VG

ORGANIST AND SOLOIST

Dr. Michael Marinelli



PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Woodward and Maher grandchildren

REFLECTIONS

Richard Phillips Woodward

PALLBEARERS

Woodward and Maher grandchildren

Preludes	Joyful, Joyful
Processional Hymn	Hark the Herald Angels #96
First Reading	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Madeleine Maher
Responsorial Psalm	Shepherd Me O God #457
Second Reading	II Timothy 4:6-8 Isabelle Maher
Response Hymn	Alleluia (Celtic)
Gospel	John 14:1-6
Prayer of the Faithful	Samuel Maher
Presentation of the Gifts Hymn	Gift of Finest Wheat #322
Holy Holy Holy	
Memorial Acclamation after Consecration	
Great Amen	
Lamb of God	
Communion Hymn	One Bread, One Body #338
Meditation Hymn	Let There Be Peace On Earth #528
Final Commendation	Song of Farewell #826
Recessional Hymn	All Creatures Of Our God and King #538 Versus 1, 6 and 7