



Dr. Caron Richard "Dick" Waits

September 9, 1928 - October 5, 2020

Monday, October 5, 2020, Dr. Caron Richard "Dick" Waits, beloved husband of Joy D. Waits, deceased, beloved father of Cara A. Waits and Thomas R. Waits, and beloved Grandad of James A. Waits, passed away at the age of 92.

Caron was born on September 9, 1928 in Amarillo, TX to Homer Clark and Roberta S. Waits. He met his wife, Joy, in high school and then joined her at Trinity University in San Antonio. While he was on a three day pass, he married Joy in 1951. After the army and with two children, Caron received his PhD. in Economics from the University of Texas in Austin and later accepted a position as Associate Professor at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas where he went on to become the Chairman of the Economics Dept. Caron enjoyed traveling and spent time in Europe with his family while on a sabbatical research trip and presented research and papers at Economic Summits throughout Europe and United States. After retirement, he continued as an Economic Consultant in legal cases, he was knee deep into researching genealogy, he enjoyed golfing, building a cabin in New Mexico, and he remained actively engaged in the political arena and enjoyed time with his family. Caron Richard Waits was known for his intellect, his dry wit, his warm smile, and his kind and compassionate spirit. He will be missed immensely. Caron was preceded in death by his wife, Joy, his two brothers, Homer Clark Jr. and John, and his sister, Mary Ivor Brewer. He is survived by his two children, Cara Waits and Thomas Waits, his grandson, James, and many

nieces and nephews and their children. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org or the National Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Very sorry to learn of Dick's passing. He was my former brother-in-law for many years and always enjoyed the time spent with he and his wife Joy. Allow me to extend my deepest sympathy to his daughter Cara, son Thomas and the rest of their families.*

*Barry Biklen
Atascocita, TX*



Barry Biklen - October 21, 2020 at 11:12 AM

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“ Dear Waits Family,

The letter below went out today to the San Antonio Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. I would like you to know that I cherished Dicks friendship and will miss him greatly.

"I have some sad news to report. On Monday, Oct. 5, Dick Waits passed away. Officially he was Dr. Caron Richard "Dick" Waits, past Chairman of the Economics Department at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth. Dick served as our Chapter Treasurer until February 2019 when, due to health reasons, he moved to New Braunfels to be close to family. As you might remember, Dick didn't talk much. But when he did, we all listened. He had a way of being very clear and succinct on church and state issues. I knew we were on the right track when Dick agreed.

We don't have an aristocracy in the United States, but Dick would be a royal if we did. His lineage went back to the Revolutionary War and Virginia. His great (I don't know how many greats that is) grandfather and two great cousins signed the "Ten Thousand Name Petition" demanding in exchange for their service in the Revolutionary War, Virginia would be guaranteed religious liberty. At the time, the state church was the Anglican Church of England. When it came to religious freedom and liberty of conscience, Dick Waits truly was a 'royal.'

I think I speak for all of us when I say we'll miss Dick. He was one of the good ones. His gentle soul will continue to permeate our Chapter's work and struggle against the forces that would end religious freedom. Thank you, Dick, for being there."

Eric Lane

San Antonio Chapter President

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