



Richard A Loring Sr.

February 5, 2020

Richard A. (Dick) Loring, Sr. Passed away on February 5, 2020 at 2:09pm surrounded by his family.

We extend an invitation to celebrate 90 years of love and devotion to a man who dedicated his life to what he loved; Family, Teaching, Coaching - a life in service to others. A life that returned tremendous respect, admiration, and love from all he touched.

Dick was born in Morgantown, West Virginia on February 21, 1930, the son of John Albert and Osa Viola Loring, the youngest of six. Husband of the late Velma Mae Loring, beloved wife of 39 years, Mary Flynn, loving companion for the past 25 years, father of Cindy May (Randy), Cathy Manning (David), Richard Loring Jr. (Mary). Grandfather to Erin, Kyle, Amy, Leslie, David and Sarah. Great grandfather to Jacob, Logan, and Emelia. Of his many accomplishments and successes, his family brought him the most joy.

Dick grew up in the coal-mining town of Cassville, West Virginia where he attended University High School and led the UHS Hilltoppers to two undefeated football seasons in 1946 and '47 as their QB and represented UHS as a WV state all-star. Dick was then recipient of a scholarship to play QB for West Virginia University, where he proudly represented the Mountaineers from 1949-51. Most recently, Dick had the experience of being honored as one of the "WVU 25 Greatest Living QB's" during the 2011 ceremony held in Morgantown. He joined WVU QB greats such as Jeff Hostetler, Marc Bulger, Pat White, Major Harris, and Oliver Luck. An honor

that he and his family cherished.

In 1957 Dick and Velma moved to Moorestown where he began his long-time teaching and coaching career at Moorestown High School and a storied football coaching partnership with his great friend and colleague George Masters Sr. Together, they established a Quaker legacy of developing generations of great teams, players, and men. The outpouring of appreciation from Quaker Football alumni has been an incredible part of Dick's life for the past 63 years.

Just four months ago three of his former players invited him to lunch and as word spread it turned into a dinner in his honor with more than 70 of his former players. They shared great stories and presented him with a plaque commemorating their appreciation. Dick and his family were very touched by this recent tribute. He has often been the guest of many local sporting association organizations such as a recent invitation to join a former player at the Brooks Irvine Football Club Banquet.

A very proud moment that Dick and his family will always treasure- the 2013 NFL Hall of Fame Ceremony in Canton, OH inducting former Green Bay Packer and Quaker Football great, Dave Robinson. Dave invited Dick to be his guest and during his induction speech expressed his appreciation for the impact that Quaker Football had on his life.

Golf was also a lifelong passion of his as Dick coached the Moorestown HS Golf team for most of his career winning several state championships and forging many lifelong relationships. Dick loved his time on the links with best friends, former players and family throughout his life. He played the game at a high level and loved the competition and comradery of the sport. It is hard to say whether he cherished the turf of the golf course over the turf of the gridiron, but coaching and playing the game of golf brought Dick and those who had the honor of tee'g it up with him great enjoyment. His funny stories, "Loring-isms" and knowledge of the game, made every round a memorable experience.

In the classroom Dick's love of history was a gift to his students. He had a

unique ability to bring history to life with stories that eclipsed the textbook and made the learning experience fun and entertaining. He knew more about the Civil War than could ever be referenced in a textbook. As was stated by a former student, "he drew deeply from his own experiences, wove irresistible tales, specialized in jarring details, knew more about the Civil War than the original combatants."

A Visitation will be held at the Sunday Feb. 9th from 2- 4 pm at First United Methodist Church of Moorestown, 466 Camden Avenue, Moorestown, NJ 08057. Service to celebrate his life Monday Feb. 10 , at 10am

Dick will be flown home to West Virginia for continued celebration of his life at the Smith Funeral Home, 108 Holland Ave, Westover, WV 26501 with a visitation; Wednesday, Feb 12, from 10 to 11am service immediately following. Internment at Beverly Hills Memorial Gardens with full military honors.

Please No flowers, Donations to:National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Delaware Valley Chapter,30 S 17th St #800, Philadelphia, PA 19103. <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/PAE>.

Cemetery Details

Beverly Hills Cemetery

1290 Fairmont Rd
Morgantown, WV 26501

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Smith Funeral Home
108 Holland Ave
Westover, WV 26501

Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard A Loring Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Richard A Loring Sr.*

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the Loring family. Mr. Loring was my favorite teacher at MHS and the reason I majored in History in college. I had the pleasure to play football under Coaches Masters, Loring and Klansek in '67 & '68. I'm also grateful that I was able to see and speak with Mr. Loring not too long ago at my 50th reunion in 2018. R. I. P. Mr. Loring your legacy of outstanding teaching and coaching lives on though all of those you taught throughout your life.*
Gus Davis

Gus Davis - February 17, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ *Coach, you touched my life in so many ways. Thank you! RIP*

Doug Robinson '66

Doug Robinson - February 09, 2020 at 10:34 PM

ED

“ We’ve lost a good man. We’ll remember Dick as a wonderful teacher, coach, and friend. Sincere sympathy to Mary, the Flynn family, and especially the Loring family. Rest In Peace, Coach... Love and Blessings, Betty Delaney and family

Elizabeth Delaney - February 08, 2020 at 09:52 PM

RJ

“ Mr. Loring you always had my back. Your words still echo encouragement and they have been a frequent visitor in my daily life. You were a real friend of the Smithson family, my sisters adored you. Rest in peace and say Hi to my sister Judy and brother-in-law Allen Burger. And as you wrote in my yearbook, Block Down. Chip Smithson.



Rumsey Smithson jr - February 08, 2020 at 06:40 PM

AJ

“ Mr. Loring is well known as an outstanding football coach. He was also an excellent history teacher. He loved his family a great deal. He had an outstanding sense of humor. Mr. Loring was a Christian who set an outstanding example. He attended First Methodist in Moorestown where my parents attended. Thankful for his friendship to my family.
Andre Johnson MHS 1969.

Andre Johnson - February 08, 2020 at 05:00 PM

JF

“ No more pineapple upside down cake for you Uncle Dick ...but alot of Uncle Dicks stories will never go away and the love you showed us with visits to Morgantown...rest in peace ...❤️ Jane (Greg)

Jane Fleming - February 08, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard A Loring Sr..*



February 08, 2020 at 07:11 AM



“ *I'll miss you Coach. It was 30 years ago, but I still have many fond memories from my years on the golf team under your leadership. - Rich Corbin, MHS Class of '88*

Rich Corbin - February 07, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ *Dick was such a wonderful man and like a grandfather to our three children. He was truly one of a kind and one that will be truly missed. Thoughts and prayers to his family!*


Stacey Flynn

Stacey Anne Flynn - February 07, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ *Condolences and sympathy to Mr. Loring's family. i am long gone from Moorestown, never played 'ball ,but recall Mr. Loring as supportive and encouraging of all Moorestown's athletes. si little x-c and track "60 - "64*

slittle - February 07, 2020 at 12:50 PM

 James Pringle

“ *Rest in peace coach. It was an honor for me to experience small part of your life.*

James Pringle - February 07, 2020 at 12:32 PM

JD

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Loring family. The world lost a great teacher, coach, and parent this week. I never had the pleasure of having him as a teacher, (probably a good thing that he didn't know what a poor student I was) but I had the great pleasure of playing for him at MHS. I cherish all the times we met through the years, always rehashing old football stories. I am especially grateful to have seen him at our recent football gathering in his honor. Rest In Peace, Coach.*

Jim Davis - February 07, 2020 at 12:04 PM

JU

“ *COACH 1957, FRIEND, AND A GREAT FATHER TO A WONDERFUL FAMILY. I WILL MISS YOU COACH. JOE-JOAN URBAN*

JOE URBAN - February 07, 2020 at 09:33 AM

JT

“ *What A Guy*
John Toppin
Dedicated to his profession and family.
Insistent on always giving the best.
Coaching boys and helping with their transition to men.
Kindling memories with his stories.

Loving life to the fullest.
Old school husband, father and friend.
Robust fan of Moorestown athletics.
Inclined toward goodness and God’s word.
Nicest man you could hope to meet.
Good friend and companion.

The “Friday night dinner gang” and all his golfing buddies along with countless other people and groups will miss him. He may be gone, but he certainly is not forgotten.

John and Sue Toppin - February 07, 2020 at 09:26 AM

VM

“ *To an all around great guy, you will be missed!*

Vincenzo Balsamo MHS-1993 - February 06, 2020 at 11:25 PM

AD

“ *Coach thanks for being my teacher, coach and most of all your friendship, RIP*

Anthony Dimartino - February 06, 2020 at 08:47 PM

ST

“ *So sorry for your loss.*
Sandi Wujcik-Tetreault 🙏

Sandi Tetreault - February 06, 2020 at 07:24 PM

TF

“ Thanks Coach...

Country Roads rise to guide you back home. Your legacy lives on in all of those whose life you touched in the class room and on the field of life.

Turkey Day will always remind us of what we should be truly be thankful for.

Family and Friends.

The Adams Family

The Adams Family - February 06, 2020 at 07:11 PM

BM

“ For a friend and mentor I'll try to paraphrase a song I know

"He was a giant

And I was just a kid

I was...trying

To do Dick Loring did

I can still remember every lesson he taught me

Growing up learning how to be like this wonderful man"

My condolences and prayer to all his family and friends.

Bill McDermott

Bill McDermott - February 06, 2020 at 05:46 PM

BM

“ *Becky & I send our thought's & prayers to Cindy, Cathy, & Rick. Your Dad was more the a teacher, coach, and friend of the Masters boys. He was like a second father. We could write a novel ,celebrating all the great times and memories of the good old days. We will definitely be sharing some of those . RIP Mr. Loring Thanks for all that done for all.*

Becky & Steve Masters - February 06, 2020 at 03:57 PM

JS

Condolences to the entire family! Having known Coach since high school (1958) I hope his legacy as a great coach, tutor ,husband and father will be forever be remembered! Now Coach, Kiki and George can all reminisce together!

Jim Sherfese - February 07, 2020 at 12:31 PM

BJ

“ *One of the best. Great memories. Becky Heisler Jones - Class of 1965.*

Becky Jones - February 06, 2020 at 02:33 PM

AD

Coach,thanks for the years you were my teacher,and coach,and my friend,RIP

Anthony DiMartino - February 06, 2020 at 08:23 PM



My heartfelt condolences to the Loring family and friends. What a legacy your dad/grandfather left. A life well lived to the fullest. RIP Mr. Loring.

Sandra Pfeiffer - February 07, 2020 at 04:36 PM

J'

Mr. Loring has been a Special Blessing for every life he has touched. As a member of MHS '61, we were fortunate to have him serve all four years as our Class Advisor. I will cherish the memories. Rest in Peace.
Jane Hackman Paulishak

Jane Hackman Paulishak '61 - February 07, 2020 at 05:38 PM

RJ

We all know of Dick Loring's coaching skills. We know that he and George Masters made Moorestown a Football powerhouse. I know that I admired Dick Loring for his teaching and counseling ability. "Mr Loring" was a great man. May he Rest In Peace on Eagles Wings in Our Fathers Home.

Raymond J Burgess Jr - February 07, 2020 at 08:36 PM

MS

The best teacher and coach I ever had. I will miss him. Blessings to the Loring family

Mike Slemmer - February 08, 2020 at 08:44 AM

JS

The man who opened my eyes forever to history, brought the best out of me as an athlete and taught me how to drop kick. Wonderful memories and he will always be remember fondly as a great coach in football and life.
Joe Speese, class of '76

Joseph P. Speese - February 09, 2020 at 12:47 PM

DW

Mr. Loring made you feel the knowledge he imparted to you in class stayed with you long after you left the room. He was definitely Grade A at coaching football. R,I,P, Mr. Loring. Dave Walters.

Dave Walters - February 10, 2020 at 03:03 PM

IB

*I just had a chance meeting at the Evergreens, where we reminisced about the Big East Tournament. I'll treasure all our meetings as you were a great idol in Moorestown's history.
Hugs and prayers for your big family of fans.
Inger Begley*

Inger Begley - February 12, 2020 at 09:57 AM