



Victor L Dowdell

October 2, 2021

Victor L Dowdell (Vic), aged 89, died on October 2, 2021 at The Evergreens in Moorestown, NJ. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, MaryAlice (Cook/Klotzbier) and a sister, Florence Fasanelli of Washington, DC. He is predeceased by his ex-wife Helen R and a son James V Dowdell. Vic's daughter, Catherine J Dowdell, lives in Rockland, ME and his son, Charles R Dowdell, his wife Angelica Bateuva of Duluth, GA. He has a step son, Richard Klotzbier, his wife Judy Klotzbier in Easthampton, CT, a stepdaughter Marianne Kannegiser, her husband William Kannegiser in Mt Laurel, NJ and 6 step grandchildren.

Born in Santurce, Puerto Rico to Episcopal missionaries, he lived in Santo Domingo, Maine, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. He graduated from Tivoli NY High School and received a degree in Electrical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1953.

He served in the US Army from 1955 to 1957 at Fort Meade, MD.

Vic was a pioneer in applying computers to automation in many industries.

"Mechanical engineers create machines and we bring them to life". He eschewed management roles in favor of solving technical problems. Vic worked for a number of companies and instead of retiring at 65, he joined Foster-Miller, a consulting firm, and finally retired in 2014. In later years he became an Amateur Radio Operator AB1NQ and a member of the New England and New Jersey Antique Radio Clubs.

Memorial service 11 am Thurs. Oct. 7, 2021 at the Lewis Funeral Home, 78 E. main St. Moorestown, NJ. Visitation Thurs. 10- 11am at the Funeral Home. Private interment Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arneytown, NJ.

For the safety of the family and those attending Masks, Social distancing and attendees numbers will be in Place.

In lieu of Flowers. Mem. Contributions maybe made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation | 21301 S Tamiami Trl Ste 320 PMB 226 | Estero, FL 33928 . <https://ipffoundation.org/donate/> or the American Lung Assoc. for Pulmonary Fibrosis Research, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 6060 ,<https://www.lung.org/>.

Cemetery Details

Brigadier General William C. Doyle veterans Memorial Cemetery

350 Providence Line Rd
Wrightstown, NJ 08562
<http://www.state.nj.us/military/veterans/doyle.html>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lewis Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ Victor L Dowdell

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ Victor L Dowdell

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Vic was a dear friend who was thoughtful, smart and generous with his time. When working together on a project at Foster-Miller, Vic was helpful, dedicated and determined to find a good solution for the client, while always professional and a gentleman.

Over the course of many weeks, we shared dinners every night while working at a client's facility in Connecticut. Vic enjoyed steak and often it was the sole item on his plate. Every night, the wait staff would ask incredulously, "Is that all you want?" The answer was always, "yes."

We had many good conversations those months. Vic was knowledgeable about many things.

I will miss those conversations very much. Thank you, Vic for sharing your journey with us.

June and I appreciate the friendship we enjoyed over the years with Vic and Mary Alice.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to you, Mary Alice and to your family. May you and all family members enjoy warm memories of happy times with Vic.

Mary Alice, you are in our thoughts.

June and Dave Smith

David Smith - October 05, 2021 at 10:35 PM

WH

“ I treasure my many encounters every day with Vic. He was a very gracious gentle man and a dear Evergreen neighbor, a soft spoken gentleman. I will miss my daily greetings from Vic. My deep condolences to Mary Alice ,in the loss of a dear husband.
Winnie Holden



Winnie Holden - October 05, 2021 at 02:42 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Vic's passing, he was a fighter to the end. Vic has helped me many times with fixing some house hold items that I couldn't repair. I found him to be very quiet when I was visiting Mary Alice. Just a friendly hi, and the he would leave the room, and leave us to our girl talk. He will be missed by all. Love Jean Sullivan

JeanE Sullivan - October 05, 2021 at 02:24 PM

EG

“ Vic was a truly great guy. He was always a gentleman, a great engineer, and always willing to help. He contributed a lot to Foster-Miller. MaryAlice-please accept condolences from Benita and me.
Ed and Benita Goldman

Ed Goldman - October 04, 2021 at 08:23 PM