

# Richard Charles Dunaetz

1930 - 2017



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March 16, 1930 - March 25, 2017 Richard C. Dunaetz, 87, born March 16, 1930, passed away peacefully at home on March 25, 2017. He is survived by his devoted wife Arlene, loving daughter Nancy Dennis (Patrick) and

granddaughters Lauren and Chelsea Uhl and Claire Dennis, and beloved dog, Teddy. Predeceased by parents Elsie and Arthur Dunaetz and brother Robert Dunaetz, Rich always had a smile and kind comment, and brought joy to everyone who encountered him. His natural athleticism led to his lifetime love of swimming, scuba diving, and ocean sports. A lifelong resident of Los Angeles, Rich attended Los Angeles High School, where he ran for the track team, and was a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve. After graduation, Rich attended Los Angeles City College, until he was called to naval service. In 1950, Rich met the love of his life Arlene. They married in December 1951. Rich and Arlene celebrated their 65th anniversary in 2016. Rich served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, initially on an Underwater Demolition Team, and later as a Petty Officer on the Badoeng Strait. Rich earned the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Ribbon (2 stars), and United Nations Service Medal. Rich was a dedicated and loving father to Stephen and Nancy. He served as Chief of the Kiowa Nation for the YMCA Indian Guides, and as coach of the YMCA junior and high school football, basketball, volleyball, and track teams. His only regret was that Stephen passed away too early in 1981. As a sales engineer in the electronic components industry for over 30 years, Rich worked alongside engineers creating the precursors to today's computers. Rich and Arlene traveled the world, visiting every continent except Antarctica, often with family and friends. After retirement, Rich enjoyed surf trips to Hollister Ranch, becoming the "camp cook" when his diving days ended. Rich devoted his time to his daughter and grandchildren, whom he adored and helped to raise. After a long and eventful life, Rich chose to leave this world on his own terms. He will be sorely missed, but he will be remembered as a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Services will be held on Sunday, April 2 at 10 a.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Park and Cemetery, 5950 Forest Lawn Dr., Los Angeles. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the City of Hope, ORT, or to The Klausner Education and Research Fund, c/o UCLA Health Sciences Development.

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