



Richard Hugh Matthews

July 12, 1940 - April 3, 2024

Richard Hugh Matthews MD, PhD, 83, of Jackson, Missouri went to his Lord peacefully Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born July 12, 1940 in Providence, RI to Eldon and Geneva Matthews. He married the love of this life, Barbara Cannon, on Aug. 24, 1963. The couple celebrated their 60th anniversary last August.

Richard received his PhD degree in Biochemistry from the University of Michigan and his MD degree from Ohio State University. His residency in Radiation Oncology was completed at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX. Richard devoted his career to cancer research and treatment of patients as well as the mentoring of many graduate-level students in medicine and medical biochemistry. Every student mentored by Dr. Matthews was enriched by that experience. He and his students published over 100 articles in scholarly journals and presented their research at many scholarly meetings around the world.

Richard retired from Harvard Medical School in 2006. He and Barbara moved to Cape Girardeau, MO to be near family. He enjoyed and excelled at patient care, and he began traveling with Barbara to places in need of radiation oncology coverage. He treated cancer patients in 8 states until he was 79 years old.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; Son, David Matthews of Arnold, Missouri; Daughter, Lisa Matthews of Rolla, Missouri; Two Brothers, Robert (Carol) Matthews of Fairfax, Virginia, and William (Nancy) Matthews of Warrenton, Virginia.

A family Celebration of Life Ceremony has been conducted at Richard's home with Rev. Carl Palmer officiating.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.