



## Richard Nathan Tharp

July 2, 1947 - October 19, 2025

Richard Nathan Tharp, 78 years old, passed away peacefully on October 19, 2025 in Anne Arundel County, Maryland - USA.

Richard was born in Detroit Michigan. He attended and graduated from South Lake High School in 1965 - St. Clair Shores, Michigan. He was a member of the band.

In the 1960's, Richard played drums for an early rock band called Frut of the Loom.

At an early age, he was interested in electronics and creating and building things. Once he built a device that would light up every time his heartbeat. He also built a miniature pool table that was 6" X 12" with an automatic ball return.

In the 1970's he would earn extra money by creating simple toys for prizes in cereal boxes.

Richard was interested in computer technology.

Richard served in the United States Navy and specialized in sonar and electronics.

Richard worked for Ricoh for several years and serviced the US White House and the Air Force One.

Richard went into business with a partner and worked for the US Senate for nearly 15 years until his retirement in 2016.

Richard enjoyed woodworking, building computers and playing with new electronic gadgets.

He enjoyed camping with his buddies, and he enjoyed traveling with his wife. Richard was known for his witty sense of humor.

He is preceded in death by his parents James and Eleanor (Himes) Tharp, sister Nancy (Tharp) Scott, brother John H. Tharp.

He is survived by his loving wife 'Anna' Hui Liu Tharp, brother David Tharp and brother Larry Tharp; and Stepdaughter Amy (Ricky) Van Der Walt and 2 grandsons; and several cousins, nephews and nieces and great nephew and nieces.

His remains were cremated by Simplicity Crematory and Funeral Home Services (Glen Burnie, MD) and will be scattered at sea in the coming days.

The family invites you to come celebrate Richard's life by gathering on Saturday, November 15, 2025 from Noon to 3pm at Hideaway's located at:

1439 Odenton Rd  
Odenton, MD 21113

<https://www.hideawayodenton.com>

In lieu of flowers, a card box will be available.