

Richard John Beringson, "Dick," 88, passed away peacefully at his home in Nashville on March 23, 2026.



Born August 8, 1937, he was raised in Cass Lake, MN and grew up with an affinity for sports, hunting, fishing, and all things outdoors. After high school Richard attended University of Minnesota where he earned a bachelor's degree. After college he joined the United States Air Force. Dick was an RC-135 navigator in the 343rd SRS at Offutt in 1967 when he survived a crash off the west end of the runway on 17 July. He is credited with rescuing two pilots from the burning wreckage. He served three tours in Vietnam.

He later went to Eielson AFB, AK, then served as commander at Hellenicon AB, Greece, and base commander at Ellsworth AFB, SD. When he retired there in 1987, he named by the governor to the head the South Dakota Fish and Game Dept.

Dick met his loving wife Molly Beringson while working at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. They enjoyed 42 years of marriage before her passing in 2023.

Later in life he enjoyed gardening, puzzles and especially spending time with his grandsons.

He is survived by his children Kristin Beringson, Kelly Beringson, Todd Beringson and Traci Beringson; grandsons Harvey Brown and Oliver Brown; and his brother Jack (Lola) Beringson.

Dick is preceded in death by his wife Molly Beringson; parents John and Sarah Beringson and his brother Don Beringson.

Gathering of family and friends Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 12:00-2:00pm at Hibbett and Hailey Funeral Home. Celebration of Life will begin at 2:00pm at Hibbett and Hailey Funeral Home. His final resting place will be Arlington National Cemetery.