



Edward Dickson Forsyth

May 11, 1940 - April 1, 2024

Edward Dickson Forsyth (84) of Canton, Michigan, passed away on April 1, 2024, surrounded by family after a long fight with cancer. Edward, who always went by Dick, was born on May 11, 1940, to Robert and Doris Forsyth in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Dick graduated from Gordon College and pursued his life's calling by becoming a Presbyterian minister. Dick enjoyed helping others and was a Godly man who ministered to others in Indiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. His hobbies included gardening and reading and he loved his Bible study groups. Dick and his wife Nancy enjoyed traveling internationally, when able, and watching tv shows and classic movies when travel became difficult. They also loved sitting in their chairs and just talking. Even as late as a week ago, Dick would stop at the couch where his wife was and would be sure to give her a kiss before going to bed. Dick could always be seen around town with his oldest son, Andrew, as they went to church or restaurants. Dick also loved his seven grandkids so very, very much, and was so proud of them. Dick is survived by his wife Nancy and his children Kristofer and Robin and their spouses Kristin and Joshua. His oldest son, Andrew, passed away four hours after Dick entered heaven. He is also survived by his brother Craig (Lauren) Forsyth and sister Glenda (Ann) Thistle-Barnhart. His beautiful life will be remembered in the memories of his grandchildren: Marisa (and her fiancé Alex), Courtney (and her husband Jared), Brittany, Noah, Cameron, Eli, and Isaac. To celebrate Dick's life, a memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth, Michigan, on Saturday, April

6th. Visitation will be at the church from 10-12 pm. Memorial service will be at 12 pm, followed by light refreshments in the church's Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Special Olympics in his oldest son's name, Andrew Forsyth. www.support.specialolympics.org
To share a memory, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

APR 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

1st Presbyterian Church of Plymouth
701 Church St
Plymouth, MI 48170

Memorial Service

APR 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Condolences to Nancy and her children and grandchildren. So sorry to hear about Dick and Andy. Dick was my pastor at St. Timothy for many years. I appreciated his counsel.*
Karlane Belaire

Karlane Belaire - April 10, 2024 at 12:33 PM

KF

I appreciate this memory .

Kristofer Forsyth - April 14, 2024 at 10:50 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Edward Dickson Forsyth.*



April 06, 2024 at 02:27 PM

MD

“ *Nancy and Family, Sending prayers for strength and courage during this difficult time. So sorry for the loss of your son Andy too. Going to miss chatting with Dick off the back of our condo decks. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to call me. Your next door neighbor, Mary Deisler.*

Mary Deisler - April 06, 2024 at 11:19 AM

KF

Thank you so much for always looking out for them

Kristofer Forsyth - April 14, 2024 at 10:50 AM

DF

“ Together my wife Gina and myself enjoyed the privilege of being friends with Nancy and Dick. We enjoyed time together and stories about our lives.

We thank them for those Bob Evans breakfasts that we enjoyed together.

Both of us saw the grace, peace, and true love between those two and it challenged us to consider that God had provided for them to be a couple.

They provided for each other in some very difficult times, probably many more than we experienced in their later lives. They were a gift for us to enjoy and learn from.

They were a miraculous example of Christianity in action.

I can only imagine the chorus of souls waiting to greet Dick when he arrived in heaven.

Our prayers do go out to Nancy and the family at their loss and we will ask for peace and comfort for the days ahead. God bless them all.

Dale and Gina Frank - April 04, 2024 at 11:36 AM

KF

Thanks for these amazing memories and comments

Kristofer Forsyth - April 14, 2024 at 10:51 AM

DF

“ I was privileged to meet Dick first when he came to the Care Givers group at the church. We met a few additional times before we shared our old Bible Studies common experience with Bill Moore and Trinity Presbyterian church. From then on we had our own personal sharing at one on one breakfasts. It was during these that Dick guided my spiritual growth. We shared many many ideas, feelings, fears, and gradually for me... hope. Being with him was truly a humbling experience because he was such a disciple, despite the massive challenges of physical problems for Nancy, Andy, and himself.

I know that now that he is free of the earthly world, God will grant him the opportunity to become a sailor of his new world doing those joys denied him on earth. Praise the Lord for giving us our wonderful Dickson.

Dale Frank

Dale Frank - April 04, 2024 at 09:24 AM

KF

So so true

Kristofer Forsyth - April 14, 2024 at 10:51 AM

JK

“ Dick was Jerry's Bible mentor. They were in Bible studies together and enjoyed their monthly breakfasts with the Retired Men's group from First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Dick and Andy regularly came to church together and would sit in their favorite seats. They always had a smile, handshake and a "Good Morning" for everyone. Afterward they would go out to breakfast together (Andy's favorite part of the week.) Peggy and Jerry enjoyed their visits with Dick and Nancy and we always came away feeling better for them. Dick radiated a sunny attitude and felt that no matter what happened in his day, life was a blessing. Even when his health began to fail he was positive. We offered to bring meals but he would laugh and say, " I have a cell phone and can call Grub Hub and Krogers and it will all be taken care of. God has it all under control." Although we will miss them we are so happy that they both have the ULTIMATE healing that God has promised them.

Jerry and Peggy Kmiecik - April 04, 2024 at 07:49 AM

KF

Thanks for sharing . And this is so my dad !!!

Kristofer Forsyth - April 14, 2024 at 10:51 AM

DI

“ Dick was my breakfast buddy and I will miss that camaraderie. He was always so proud of his family, kids and grandkids. Quite knowledgeable about politics, both local and national. He chided me on my politics, and I mocked his New England accent. He often gave me the benediction found in numbers, chapter 6, and I was always pleased to be blessed. A good friend I'll miss him

David Ibach - April 03, 2024 at 06:15 PM

DC

“ My very earliest memories of going to St. Timothy in Livonia include Reverend Forsyth. He exuded warmth and I was always very comfortable in his company, despite my very uncomfortable tights and Sunday shoes. I remember having all the big questions about God and the universe that only a seven-year old would have and my mom encouraging me to talk to Reverend Forsyth about them. I never did, but I'm certain he would have listened to every word. I later became friends with his daughter, Robin, in middle school and I cherish those fond memories as well. Prayers to the whole family.

Danielle Carlomusto - April 02, 2024 at 10:00 PM