



## Richard Milton Magill

February 22, 1946 - May 5, 2016

Richard Milton Magill died May 5, 2016. He was 70.

A long time resident of the French Quarter, Rich was a homebuilder and gay activist. Born in St. Louis, he was reared in a military family and lived in six different places by the time he was graduated by Autauga County High School in 1964, in Prattville, AL. Afterwards, he attended the University of Alabama and was graduated in 1968. He entered the United States Air Force and was honorably separated in 1972 at the rank of Captain.

After traveling through Europe he entered the University of Florida to study building construction and was graduated in 1975. He worked in Fort Lauderdale, Montgomery, AL, Austin, TX, and Seagrove Beach, FL, building houses until spinal problems forced him to retire at age 40.

Rich moved to New Orleans in 1986 and until 1991 was active in gay politics. In 1991 LAGPAC published his study of violence and discrimination against lesbian and gay people in New Orleans, Exposing Hatred. Rich considered December 12, 1991, the happiest day of his life. That was the date that the New Orleans City Council prohibited discrimination in jobs, housing in public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation.

Rich was a member or supporter of Mensa, Disabled American Veterans, Human Rights Campaign, LAGPAC, NOW, P-FLAG, NAACP, Compassion and Choices, Beta Theta Pi, ACLU, NO/AIDS Task Force, Sierra Club and the Democratic Party.

Rich was preceded in death by his life partner, John Horn Foster, and his

parents, Milton Harold Magill and Patricia Thelma Richards Magill. He is survived by his sisters Linda Lee Magill Herring and Sherry Patricia Magill, and his brother James Robert Magill, Sr., two nieces, one nephew, and three grandnieces.

Services will be private. His ashes will be inured at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorials to P-FLAG.

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# Tribute Wall

AW

“ *Annette Williams lit a candle in memory of Richard Milton Magill*



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**Annette Williams** - May 09, 2016 at 07:15 PM

PK

“ *Pauline Kitchens lit a candle in memory of Richard Milton Magill*



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**Pauline Kitchens** - May 09, 2016 at 01:20 PM

SR

“ *Linda, Sherry, & Jimmy, I'm sad to hear of Rich's passing. He was talented, bright, and loved a good debate, for sure! As one of the founders and leaders of the infamous Club 64, he and our classmates shared many miles on the road to NY and DC and back, and I still cherish photos we took at the 1964 World Fair with my vintage Canon 35mm. Great memories, a dear friend, and I will miss him. Sally Taylor Rogers (If the service at Arlington is open to the public, I'd love to come as I live in Dallas and would like to honor Richard).*

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**Sally Rogers** - May 09, 2016 at 10:00 AM

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“ *Linda, Sherry, and Jimmy, I am so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. It was a shock to me when I saw his obituary in the paper today. My condolences to the whole family.*  
*Annette*

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**Annette Williams** - May 08, 2016 at 12:19 PM

DM

“ *Doris Smith Mcleod lit a candle in memory of Richard Milton Magill*



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**Doris Smith Mcleod** - May 08, 2016 at 07:26 AM