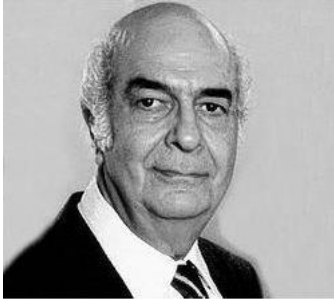


David RICHARDS



RICHARDS, David died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 82. David possessed an extraordinary mind and a gentle heart. He carried the weight of responsibility, caring deeply for his family's well-being, service to his country, and the love of God. A life-long learner, David received undergraduate degrees in Physics, Mathematics and Business Administration; and went on to receive graduate degrees in Electrical Engineering and Aerospace. He received degrees from UTEP, John Carroll University, [Ohio State University](#), and the University of Dayton. Also, at the time, he was the oldest civilian to receive an advanced degree from The Air Force Institute of Technology. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the [Korean War](#) as a officer in the Battalion Commander's staff. After his honorable discharge, he began work as a public and private accountant opening his own thriving accounting business firm. During this time he played in the El Paso Symphony as a timpanist. When President Kennedy made the call for the United States to land on the moon, David answered. He was selected to serve his country as a civilian Aerospace Engineer for [NASA](#) at the Lewis Research Center in Cleveland Ohio. While there he was part of many unmanned space program teams such as Ranger, Mariner, and EOGO. These were exciting years filled with camaraderie and innovation. He went on to work as a civilian for the U.S. Air Force's Foreign Technology Division, including a year of service, staffed in the Executive White House, under President Jimmy Carter. David retired after over thirty years of service to the United States Government. In his later years he re-ignited his passion for music and played piano soulfully, beautifully from his gentle heart. He became a world traveler and a nature lover. When his health began to fail, the respectful, selfless compassion of his Dayton and Kettering community members was humbling to him and his grateful family. David was a man who changed from a staunch Republican into a true blue Democrat; who developed from an accountant to a rocket scientist; and who found a passion for the natural beauty and people of

his Ohio home while keeping Texas in his heart. David is survived by his devoted wife of 55 years, Lizabeth Richards; his two children, Susanna Richards Fassberg and Virginia Glasz Richards; his loving grandchildren Sam, Willem, Cosmo, and Katherine; and his sister Myrna Wolf and her children. David was interned January 23rd in the Abdou Family burial site in El Paso Texas. In lieu of flowers, please donate in tribute to David Richards to The [Alzheimer's Association](http://www.alz.org) www.alz.org or 1.800.272.3900.

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