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Born: 06 July 1945 *in* Port Huron, MI
Married: 24 August 1968 *in* Port Huron, MI
Died: 11 October 2013 *in* Tamiami, FL

Richard "Dick" K. Appleford, 68, Fort Myers, died 10-11-2013.

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- See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/news-press/obituary.aspx?n=richard-k-appleford&pid=167553131&fhid=12201#sthash.ZdfqEzxr.dpuf>

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Richard, better known as "Dick", was very happy living in Florida with Bonnie. Originally from Michigan, they bought a home in Tamiami Village, North Fort Myers, Florida in 2000 and then became full time residents of Florida in July 2008. Dick was on the Master Board and Subdivision Board in the Community. He was also the liaison between the Master Board and the Maintenance Department and was the Chairperson of the Architectural Committee. He was a proud member of the Tamiami Village Veterans. Dick and Bonnie were very active residents in the village hosting many of the functions: strawberry festival, ice cream social, Veteran's luncheon, pancake breakfast and Bingo kitchen hot dog sales. He enjoyed all his friends and spending quality time with his wife going to a few casinos and traveling to other states.

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Richard “Dick” Appleford July 6, 1945—October 11, 2013

Tamiami Community Lost One of Her Best Friends

By Sandi Ross and Diane Soppa

On Friday, October 11, 2013, the Tamiami Community lost one of her best friends, with the passing of Richard “Dick” Appleford of Pelican Drive.

A Vietnam Veteran, Dick was a Petty Officer 2nd Class in the United States Navy. Here in Tamiami, he was a vital member of the Veteran’s Association, performing a variety of tasks at military memorial services and events.

Every November 11th, Dick and his wife Bonnie hosted a Veteran’s Dinner at Friendship Hall for both Veterans and Patriots, honoring the Tamiami men and women who, in their youth, served our country so well. Dick was chosen Tamiami’s 2009 Co-Veteran of the Year, along with Galen Tower. Both men Master Carpenters, Dick and Galen spearheaded the building our beautiful kitchen at Friendship Hall.

Dick and Bonnie made Wednesday night BINGO just a little more enticing by offering a hotdog supper for the early-birders.

Very few Tamiami dinners, ice cream socials, or breakfasts were held without Dick Appleford being on the serving line, and—prior to the serving—Dick would be working with his wife Bonnie in doing all those things that needed to be done before the doors opened to the public. Bonnie said, “Dick helped with all the functions I got myself into and didn’t complain much.”

Dick was a valued player at Tamiami's poker nights. He also enjoyed playing "double down" on the com-puter as well as communicating with his Facebook friends. He was an avid fisherman in his hometown of Port Huron, Michigan. He won a "salmon steaks tournament" with his buddies in Port Huron netting a \$10,000.00 check.

Dick served on Tamiami's Sub-Division Board and on the Master Board for the entire Community. Dick, not only headed Tamiami's Architectural Committee but, also, worked daily with the Village's Maintenance Crew. When he was not mowing, Dick was hauling aluminum cans and metal to the scrap yard, or picking up parts for the maintenance department or working on the numerous tasks required to keep the community running. Dick volunteered his time and efforts to make Tamiami a beautiful and safe place to live.

With his impish grin and dancing eyes, Dick Apple-ford's presence always made your day a little brighter whether he was telling you a funny story or had just stopped by to lend you a hand. He was always the first one to lend a hand wherever needed and to anyone who asked.

Dick's passing has left a void in the lives of his wife Bonnie, his daughter Trish and her husband Steven Plovie and his two grandchildren, Faith and Noah. Dick's passing has also left a hole in the heart of the Tamiami Community. It is not easy to lose one your best friends, .All are invited to his memorial service on November 23 at 1:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall.

One project that Dick wanted to get done was the shade structure at Friendship Pool. Bonnie would love to have it built in honor of Dick's memory. If anyone wants to donate to that cause, she would greatly appreciate the kindness. You can send your donation to Bonnie Appleford at 16263 Pelican Dr.