



## COL Richard B. Aldrich

July 22, 1935 - July 10, 2019

Hampton Falls – Colonel Richard B. Aldrich, (USAF, Ret.), 83, of Hampton Falls, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at his home with devoted and loving family at his side.

He was born in Lowell, MA on July 22, 1935, the second son of the late Nathan and Dorothy (Marchacos) Aldrich and was the husband of the late Marietta (Keefe) Aldrich.

Colonel Aldrich was raised in Tewksbury, MA and graduated from Tewksbury High School in 1952. He holds a bachelor's degree in textile manufacturing from Lowell Technological Institute, Lowell, MA; a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of New Hampshire in Durham; and a master's degree in logistics management from the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH.

He was commissioned through the Air Force ROTC program at Lowell Technological Institute in June 1956 and attended navigator training at Ellington Air Force Base, Texas. From September 1957 to March 1958, he was trained as an electronic warfare officer at Keesler Air Force Base, MS, and, from April to May 1958, attended Aircrew Survival School, Stead Air Force Base, NV.

In June 1958, Colonel Aldrich was assigned as chief analyst at the European Electronic Intelligence Center, Lindsey Air Station, Wiesbaden, West Germany. From June 1962 until August 1964, he attended the University of New Hampshire.

Following graduation, he was assigned to Headquarters, Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, as an electronic warfare project manager. Continuing his assignment with AFLC, Colonel Aldrich served as flight test navigator, electronic warfare officer, and electrical engineer at Lockheed Aircraft Services Company, Ontario, CA, from June 1967 to November 1969.

Returning to Wright-Patterson, Colonel Aldrich served as chief of the Electronic Warfare Branch at AFLC until December 1972, when he was assigned to Aeronautical Systems Division. He was assistant chief of the ASD Blue Team from December 1972 until June 1974, when he was named chief of ASD's Electronic Warfare Plans Division.

Colonel Aldrich went to the Electronic Systems Division, Hanscom Air Force Base, MA, in July 1975 as director for business management for the E-4 Advanced Airborne Command Post. Continuing with the E-4 program, he was named AFLC's deputy program manager for logistics in August 1977. From June 1978 to July 1979, while still stationed at Hanscom Air Force Base, Colonel Aldrich served with the Air Force Acquisition Logistics Division as director of electronic logistics.

Assigned to Brunssum, The Netherlands, Colonel Aldrich was director of systems engineering for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's E-3A Airborne Warning and Control System program from August 1979 until August 1981. He then assumed the duties as Deputy for Acquisition Plans and Analysis at Wright-Patterson AFB and retired in 1984.

Colonel Aldrich is a senior navigator with over 2800 hours of flying time. His military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Family members include his children, Kim R. DeMaso of Merrimack, NH, Colleen P. Kruchem of Reston, VA, and Richard M. Aldrich of Hampton Falls, NH and his wife, Liza Aldrich. In addition, he leaves behind four grandchildren, Christina DeMaso, Michael DeMaso, Samuel Aldrich, and Alexandra Aldrich. His surviving siblings include Donald Aldrich, Kenneth Aldrich, N. Gary Aldrich, Susan (Aldrich) Connor, and Joanne Aldrich.

Visiting hours will be from 11 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, July 13, 2019 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A time for sharing memories will follow the visitation starting at 1 PM in the funeral home. Burial will be in the West View Cemetery, Hampton Falls. In lieu of traditional remembrances, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society (<https://donate3.cancer.org/>)?

# Cemetery Details

## West View Cemetery

Hampton Falls, NH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
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## Sharing Memories

JUL 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ COL Richard B. Aldrich

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ Class of 1958 purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of COL Richard B. Aldrich.



Class of 1958 - July 12, 2019 at 04:00 PM



“ John (Smolinsky) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of COL Richard B. Aldrich.



John (Smolinsky) - July 12, 2019 at 03:05 PM



“ 97 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - July 12, 2019 at 10:03 AM

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“ Gary,

*My sincerest sympathies on the passing of your brother go to you and your family.*

*Peter Giroux*

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**Peter Giroux** - July 12, 2019 at 09:22 AM

JG

“ *My brother and I both joined the military, so conversations with my Dad would eventually come around to his childhood friend, Tewksbury teammate and USAF COL Richie Aldrich. He seems to have made an impression on all who met him. The Gale family were longtime friends of the Aldrich family. Condolences on behalf of Harper, Gladys and Jack Gale.*

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**Jack Gale** - July 11, 2019 at 10:49 AM

JT

“ To all his family may we extend our heart felt sympathy . Being a class mate of his was a joy . He was a kind and gentle soul as was his wife. We all looked up to him for advice on all the sports we took part in. His adult life was way more exciting than mine and I loved hearing about it. May you rest in peace old friend. Joel and Joan Trull

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**joel trull** - July 10, 2019 at 06:03 PM

LS

*I had the pleasure of being both Dick and Marietta's hairstylist for many many years as recent as less than two months ago cutting his hair! I adored the both of them and miss them both. They are together again!*

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**linda seguin** - July 11, 2019 at 04:46 PM

LW

*We really enjoyed having you as neighbors, all those years ago. Please accept our sympathy for your loss.*

*Henry and Linda Willett  
4 Davis Ct., Nashua*

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**Linda Willett** - July 13, 2019 at 09:15 PM