

*Have a story to share about Dick?
Whether humorous, inspiring, heartfelt or
irreverent... the family would love to hear it!
Additional cards are available, so share as
many as you like! Please return completed
cards to the guestbook table.
These will bring comfort & laughter
to Dick's family in the months ahead.*

We are honored you joined us in the hangar today.
Hearty Thank You's to the **Civil Air Patrol**,
the **QBs**, the **Blazen Divaz** & many others
who contributed to this event.

Special Thanks also goes to...

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For their significant accommodations
for this event.

StanCraft Jet Center

For the very generous donation of their hangar,
and the assistance of their gracious employees.

Bill Whittle

For his round-the-clock labors
creating the Tribute Video,
For Emceeding the June 15 & June 29 events,
And for being a devoted friend
to both Dick & Burt.

Rachael Schwam /

Bird Aviation Museum & Invention Center

For facilitating the display of Dick's Berkut,
And for being a dedicated & joyful support
to the Rutan families.

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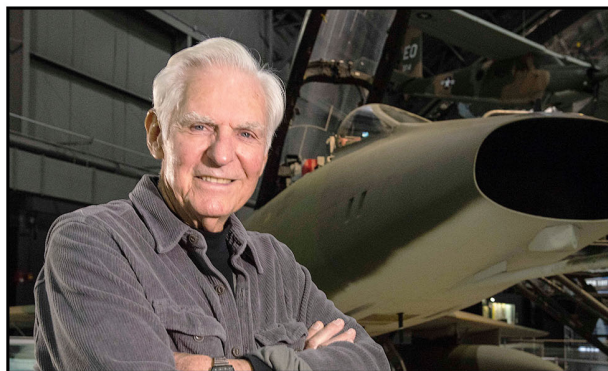
For their service in the Missing Man Formation.

The Pinkerton Family

For their gift of printing services.

Buffet by Mangia Catering

Desserts & Drink Stations by
Anchored Coffee Company



Dick Rutan

American Hero
"The Velvet Arm"
Born July 1, 1938

Joined US Air Force 1957

Misty Fighter Pilot
F-100 Super Saber Vietnam
1965 to 1968

Shot Down Over North Vietnam 1968

F-100 Nuclear Alert in England
Ejected, Following Engine Failure
1969 to 1976

Commanded Maintenance Squadron
Tucson, Arizona 1976 to 1977

Test Pilot for Rutan Aircraft Factory
& SCALED Composites
1977 to 1980

Commanded Voyager 9-Day Flight
Round-the-World, Nonstop
without Refueling 1986

Spirit of EAA Friendship Flight, Round-the-World
Long-EZs with Mike Melvill 1997

Attempted a Round-the-World Balloon Flight
1998

Stranded at the North Pole 2000

Retired to North Idaho 2021

Flew West May 3, 2024



Ode to Dickie

From the Memoirs of George "Pop" Rutan
(1916 - 2009)

July 1, 1938 – In that era it was typical that fathers were excluded from the birthing & labor areas of the hospital. It just so happened that my sister Frances, a registered nurse at Loma Linda, was on duty in the nursery. She arranged a gown & mask so I could wander freely to hold Irene's hand & encourage her. When Dickie finally appeared on the scene I could see that he was well endowed & ready to receive the accolade – "It's a fine boy with ten fingers & ten toes."

Irene & I were young. Times were hard. We knew Dickie was a unique, neat kind of kid – especially when he prepared little dirt "runways" in the backyard to entice overflying airplanes to land. He was a husky & resilient child who didn't require nor get much special attention. He had an independent nature from an early age. He always tried his best to act like a little man, & didn't need to be reminded often.

Voyager – I remember the pride I felt that the primary movers & shakers in this effort were of my own blood. This was Dick & Burt's project from the very start.

On the morning of the launch at Edward's Air Force Base, Irene, daughter Nell & I were standing at the exact mid-point of Edward's main runway. My heart rate began to increase as I heard the Voyager's engines go to full power. I know that I was not the

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only one who felt, that even with all the perils of the days that laid ahead, no moment could be more fraught with danger for the ship & its crew than the next one hundred & twenty seconds.

How does a mother handle the terrible fear & concern when she must silently stand by, as one of her own, places his life at such risk? Every volunteer will testify, I'm sure, that Irene appeared serene, calm & unperturbed during the entire course of the flight. It was not just a stiff upper lip. She "just knew" the abilities of her boys were up to the task, & she was fully confident that they would accomplish their goals. I was forbidden to mention any fearfulness in her presence. "I don't want to hear another word," she'd say to me.

In his book, "The Next Five Minutes,"

Dick wrote of his wife Kris,
"She's the Reason I Smile"

Known to the world as

"The Velvet Arm", Dick was also
"Husband", "Dad", "Grandpa" &
"Brother" to the family he was so
proud of and deeply loved...

Kris, Children Holly, Mark, Jill,
Lars, Shannon, Steve & Kelly.

Grandkids Jordan, Matt, Noelle,
Edmond, Haley, Natasha, Jack,

Gage, Sean & Jackson.

Great Grandkids Emerson & Nora.

Sister Nell & Brother Burt.

Celebration of Life

June 29, 2024

StanCraft Jet Center • Hayden, Idaho

- 10 am Doors Open (No Host Bar Available)
- 11 am Buffet Lunch
- 12 noon Video Memorial & Tributes
- 2 pm Missing Man Formation