

RICHARD B. DALUGA

DALUGA, Richard B. LTC, US [Army](#) (Ret.) 1934-2018 Deacon Richard Daluga—soldier, philosopher, man of God—took his leave of us on November 27, 2018 to go on the Great Adventure. Rich was born July 15, 1934 to Kathryn E. (Ballard) Daluga and Julius F. Daluga of Waukegan, Illinois. After graduating with the class of 1952 from Waukegan Township High School, he was the first of his family to graduate from college. Rich procured a congressional nomination to the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating with the class of 1957 and receiving his commission as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. After USMA, he became Airborne and Ranger qualified. He served 24 years in the Army, including two tours of duty in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the [Bronze Star](#), the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, the Republic Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and the Meritorious Service Medal. His military career took him and his family to the four corners of the earth—16 duty stations, 9 states plus the District of Columbia, Vietnam, Laos, and Germany, moving into 20 homes altogether. In his lifetime, Rich set foot in 49 out of 50 states. (Sorry, Arkansas.) On returning from his first combat tour, Rich completed post-graduate school at the University of Massachusetts, receiving a Master of Arts in English Literature in 1968, whereupon he returned to West Point to teach that subject. He attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and retired from active duty in 1981. He then earned an MBA from the University of Hartford in 1983, and worked as a software quality assurance specialist until his retirement in 1999. Family and lifelong friends kept Rich grounded through years of toil, travel, and war. Married in 1957, he and his wife Patricia (Eisenhart) Daluga shared 61 years together. One of his proudest accomplishments was seeing all three of his children, Catherine D. Kohlmann (Jim), Josephine M. Daluga (David Schultz), and John R. Daluga (Susie), graduate from college, marry for life, and become solid citizens. In addition to his wife and children, Rich is survived by three grandchildren: Kevin Kohlmann, Alexandra Schultz, and Maximilian Schultz. Rich's Catholicism was a source of profound comfort throughout his life. Rich and Pat's faith in the Church was as unwavering as their faith in each other, and they dedicated themselves to both. In service to God, Rich was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Daniel P. Reilly on April 22, 1995 at St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester, Massachusetts. He served nine years at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Milford, MA and eleven years at St. Thomas More Catholic Community in Henderson,

Nevada until his retirement in 2014 at the age of 80. Rich and Pat continued in shared ministry as their health permitted. Viewing will be 7:00-9:00 o'clock with Vespers at 8:00 Friday, December 14, 2018 at St. Thomas More Catholic community, 130 North Pecos Road, Henderson. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11:00 o'clock Saturday, December 15, 2018 also at St. Thomas More Catholic Community. After cremation, burial will be at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Boulder City, NV. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Thomas More Catholic Community.

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