



Richard D. Fontanesi

October 1, 1937 - February 9, 2026

Richard D. Fontanesi 88, passed away peacefully in Tallahassee, Florida at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital on February 9, 2026. Dick was born October 1, 1937 in Weirton, West Virginia to Americo and Gina Fontanesi.

He is survived by his wife Linda in Groveland ,Florida, his brother Frank in San Diego, California, his daughter Karin Brown in Tallahassee, Florida, his stepdaughter Jeni Pasilla in Atlanta, Georgia, four grandchildren, five great granddaughters, two nieces and three nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, his sister Edda Plesa and his second wife Valerie.

Dick graduated from Weirton High School in 1955, and West Virginia University in 1959 . He moved to New York City where he worked for the US Department of Health . He served in the US National Guard in the medical corps and in 1961 moved to Los Angeles, California where he worked in personnel management for Minneapolis/Honeywell. In 1967 he was transferred to St. Petersburg, Florida. By 1970 he chose to leave Honeywell and go into real estate full time. He partnered with Bob Gallagher and they established a brokerage with

Century 21. Following a successful career he retired to a life of tennis, bowling ,bridge and poker. He was a whiz at cards!

Dick will be remembered for his generosity, his sense of humor, and the confidence he inspired in all who dealt with him.