



## Richard W. Maylott

May 7, 1937 - August 23, 2020

Richard W. Maylott, 83, of Leesburg Virginia passed away August 23 in his home due to heart issues. He is survived by His wife Elsie, their daughters Kathryn Maylott LaViolette (James), Margaret Maylott Mansfield (Leon) and Lisa Maylott (Peter Lawford), his sister Barbara Miller of Lovettsville, and niece Deborah Haller (Curt). He has 5 granddaughters, Emma (20), Eliza (16) Lillian (13) Pippa (6) and Fiona (1) and one grandson Gary Richard (9).

Richard was born in Potsdam, New York to Marion and Carleton Maylott (the original W2YE). His younger sister Barbara was born several years later and he enjoyed having a little sister to torture!

After high school he attended Union College and then University of Buffalo. He started working with the Dept of Labor upon graduating and traveled extensively doing surveys for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). In this career he would eventually become a lead supervisor and responsible for administering dozens of wage surveys for the Dept of Labor publications for fairness and equity in salary administration by job class. After a work move from New York to Washington DC he met and married Elsie Mergel, a Washington DC native in 1970. They lived in DC briefly and then moved to Sterling Virginia to raise their three girls. After retiring from a 30+ year career with the government, Richard (or Dick to many of his friends in the community) became more active in a number of local amateur radio clubs. He was a member of the Sterling Park ARC (sponsor of the QSL Bureau and Virginia QSO Party) since the mid 1980's. He was also a member of the Potomac Valley Radio Club, the Loudoun Amateur Radio Group, QCWA Chapter 91, and the National Capitol DX Association. He attended Field Day and other community events every year and enjoyed the time with his fellow HAMs. He encouraged juniors in the field to learn more about Amateur Radio and spent many hours mentoring his kids and later his grandkids in the science of radio waves, frequencies and Morse code. A Radio room at the house was always a requirement and the squelch and morse code-beeping of his activities could be heard every night after work. He supported his girls and his grandchildren with several successful science projects over the years thanks to his tutelage and knowledge.

Richard was also a train collector and it was a common practice for him to pull out his

Lionel 9-gauge train from his childhood and sent it up for the grandkids every Christmas. He restored and maintained his collection and enjoyed sharing it with the newest generation of Maylotts. His 6 grandchildren were big fans of the set; especially the log car and coal car.

For the past several years, Elsie and Richard lived in Leesburg Virginia and enjoyed semi-retirement with their friends and family. Their door was always open for family dinners and pool time. They were blessed beyond measure to have the entire extended family in the area and spent many good years together.

A celebration of life will be held at Loudoun Funeral Chapel on Friday September 11, 2020 at 5:30PM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the ARRL Foundation. 225 Main Street, Newington CT 06111. <http://www.arrl.org/memorial-gifts>



# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Loudoun Funeral Chapels** - September 10, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ That was SUCH a beautiful ceremony! Thank you for having a livestream. I wish more than anything that I could have been there, but this was the next best thing. Beautiful words. Sentiment. Heart. And wonderful to find solace, peace, and comfort in the warmth of family and friends. I send my love, my prayers, and am touched by the opportunity to honor the wonder that was, and always will be, our beloved neighbor and friend Richard Maylott. I was glad to be a part. Much love, (the other Lisa (Marshall). xx000

**Lisa Marshall** - September 11, 2020 at 06:26 PM



“ I also wanted to put in some of my wonderful memories of Mr. Maylott (and, yes, I did stand during the ceremony and say his name! That was beautiful.) He was my employer -- payer of babysitting money; full time during some summers! A whopping \$1 an hour that I think went up to \$3/hr after Lisa came along (and what does that say? The twins were a twofer, two for one deal, and Lisa was double the trouble! LOL. Or maybe because Lisa is my namesake I was also babysitting myself at that point so deserved the extra dollar for there being 2 Lisas.... we will never know!)

Mr. Maylott was also my taxicab - he (very kindly!) allowed me to join his car pool to Washington DC for the fall of 1984. A whopping \$4/week for gas and the Dulles Toll road (illegitimate!) tolls. Oh the glory days of the value of the dollar.... Though I have to say, I so did not like leaving at 6:30 in the gawd-awful morning, but at least the carpool was a pleasant transition into my workday. And a lovely return as well. We had a lot of great conversations in that car.

But more than anything he, and all the Maylotts, were wonderful neighbors, a second family, a place to also call home. A home of the heart. I can honestly still hear Mr. Maylott's voice in my head, see the smile on his face, and feel the warmth of his presence. Kindness is a word he made come alive with all that he was willing to do to reach out to others.

I love and appreciate you, Mr. Maylott, and thank you for special memories and for sharing your lovely family with me. You were a big, and eminently wonderful, part of my childhood.

Enjoy sending those radio waves in the sky . . .

Lisa Marshall

**Lisa Marshall** - September 11, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ So Sorry for the loss of your Husband, Day and Granddad. May you find comfort in Gods hands and peace in fond memories.

Ray and Jenny Aubel

**Jenny Aubel** - September 11, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ Prayers for the family. So sorry for your loss. I knew Dick through ham radio. Enjoyed listening to him talk about Elsie and her dogs. He will be sorely missed.  
Condolences.

Marcia Miller Malcolm (KD4ITP)

**Marcia Miller Malcolm** - September 11, 2020 at 11:18 PM

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“ Beautiful and loving tribute girls! You made him proud, every day of his life. Many fond memories of Christmas Nights past! May the road rise to meet him...forevermore.

**Kevin** - September 12, 2020 at 12:13 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Marcia Miller Malcolm** - September 11, 2020 at 10:57 PM

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“ You were such a wonderful man. One of the kindest we have all ever met. And such a gift to all your family. We will miss you. Mark, Tracy, Fred, Sophie and Arthur.

**Mark and Traxy La Violette** - September 10, 2020 at 12:46 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard W. Maylott.



September 10, 2020 at 12:04 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard W. Maylott.



September 09, 2020 at 05:31 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard W. Maylott.



September 08, 2020 at 04:18 PM

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“ We miss you, Daddy/PopPop!



**Lisa Maylott** - September 07, 2020 at 02:23 PM

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“ From Radio friends in National Capital DX Assn purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard W. Maylott.



**Phillip Barsky** - August 29, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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“ The Patchell Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard W. Maylott.



The Patchell Family - August 29, 2020 at 11:00 AM

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“ Elsie,  
Nancy and I were terribly saddened to learn that Richard recently passed. He was a prince of a man, and we know how sorely your family will miss him. Please let us know if we can help with anything during this difficult time. God bless, Hal and Nancy W.

Harold - August 29, 2020 at 08:31 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard W. Maylott.



August 28, 2020 at 07:50 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard W. Maylott.



August 28, 2020 at 05:49 PM

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“ Rest easy Dick. You were one of the best OPs I've ever met. Thanks for all you have done for the amateur radio community and the memories. 73 Dick. We'll see you soon.

W2YE/SK de N0JSD

**John Dykstra** - August 28, 2020 at 01:55 PM

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“ Thank you Dick for all that you've done for amateur radio. I'm going to miss your smile and your contributions to the community.  
73 KJ4VTH

**Bill** - August 27, 2020 at 06:48 PM

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“ Always a smiling friendly face at the various amateur radio meetings I attended with Dick. I will sorely miss his company. Best 73 Phil K3EW Gaithersburg, MD

**Phillip Barsky** - August 27, 2020 at 06:19 PM