



# Richard C. Stansberry

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**C**elebrating the Life of Richard Stansberry Richard C. "RC" Stansberry graduated to heaven on August 19, 2018 in San Diego at 86 years of age. Preceded in death by his parents Richard and Lella, his brothers Freddy and Jim, and sister Billie Jane, and his beloved wife Elizabeth. Survived by his sister Lillian and 3 children Cheryl Graf (Russ), Diane Knochel (Theodore) and Daniel (Lisa) as well as grandchildren Russell, Eric and Joe. Loved by many nieces and nephews, and many friends and saints that he ministered to. Born on February 27, 1932 in Blue Ash, Ohio, Richard joined the US Navy the 26th of November 1951 and served for four years in the Korean Conflict in which he received both the Korean Service and National Defense Medals. Richard met the love of his life, Betty, while on leave in Chicago. This week would have been their 65th Anniversary, and their marriage was a model of Christian love and servanthood. Richard was a trained maintenance electrician by trade but could probably build or repair almost anything. He moved his family from Ohio to Southern California in 1960, and he worked for Ford Aerospace, and for the Port of Los Angeles, amongst others. He was hard working, energetic, creative and he loved people. However, his real passion was serving his Lord. After years of service and ministry in his home church in Bellflower, CA, he answered the call to move to Phoenix and plant his own church, with the support of his wife and children. Eastside Apostolic Church was established in 1980 and ministered to countless individuals and families for over 25 years. He diligently studied his Bible and preached the Word. His most common expression was "Thy will Oh Lord" and it was his guiding light that resulted in a beautiful, fruitful and rich life. Visitation to be held Wednesday, August 22 at Greenwood Memorial Park – 4300 Imperial Ave. from 5pm to 9pm. Funeral Service to be held Thursday, August 23 at 11am; also at Greenwood. Interment on Monday, August 27 at Valley View Cemetery 1021 AZ Hwy 89A in



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Clarkdale, AZ, with a graveside service at 10am open to the public. Please click on [SERVICE DETAILS](#) to learn more.



## Tribute Wall

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JG

**Jim And Suzi Greenbank** posted:

"We knew Bro. Stansberry for many years." There was never a better man who lived like him. He was a man who befriended many people over his lifetime. He was a well loved Pastor and showed many by his example of true Christianity. He knew the word of God and lived it and was a true inspiration to his friends and Saints. He Baptized my mother Ruth when she was 70 years old and so was very much appreciated for his love and care as she attended his Church. This world has lost a Great man, but Heaven has gained a Saint. We know he has finished this race but his reward is everlasting with the Lord. Our Deepest Sympathy, Jim and Suzi Greenbank

August 27 at 1:07 AM

RR

**R. D. Boling, Commander, U.S. Navy (Retired)** posted:

Among the many noteworthy achievements in the life of this exceptional man, is his service a Sailor in the World's Finest Navy from Nov 1951 – Nov 1955. During his time in the U.S. Navy, Brother Stansberry served aboard the USS VALLEY FORGE (CVA 45), an attack aircraft carrier, during the Korean War, as an Interior Communications Electrician within the Engineering Department, "E" Division. You can see him pictured in the VALLEY FORGE's Korean Cruise Book 1952-53 at this link: <https://www.navysite.de/cruisebooks/cv45-53/169.htm> Prior to his Honorable Discharge in Nov 1955, Brother Stansberry achieved the rank of IC2 – Interior Communications Electrician Petty Officer Second Class (E-5). He earned the Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal Korea and National Defense Service Medal. I offer this venerable Veteran the traditional "Fair Winds and Following Seas", until we meet again on Heaven's Golden Shores!

August 22 at 1:15 PM

RF

**Robert Friend** posted:

He was a man of the Word. Glory awaits him.

August 22 at 8:03 AM



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Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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