

Richard D. Hecock

January 9, 1939 – November 8, 2024

Richard Dick Hecock was born on January 9, 1939, and passed away on November 8, 2024, at Pickerel Lake in Minnesota. He was born in Detroit, MI, where he lived through high school. He graduated from Albion College (MI) in 1960 after which he spent months traveling alone through Europe and South and East Asia. Upon returning home, he completed the Ph.D. in Geography at Clark College in Massachusetts. After completing the Ph.D., he accepted a professorial position at Eastern Michigan University. Every chance he had, he spent as much time as possible on the lake in Detroit Lakes. This is where he met Georgia Ingalls who eventually became his wife and whom he married on December 23, 1967. In 1969, Dick accepted a position at Oklahoma State University where he served for a number of years as head of the Geography Department. He was held in high regard by his colleagues and students. Dick and Georgia raised their two children, Bess and Doug in Stillwater. In 1992, after working at Oklahoma State for 23 years, during which he took sabbaticals in Mexico, Scotland, Japan, and Scandinavia. He and Georgia retired in Detroit Lakes, MN, where he became very involved in beautifying the community in which they lived. In addition to helping maintain his community, he played the organ at St. Luke's Church, was involved in a Rotary Club as well as the Becker County Historical Society. He is survived by his wife, Georgia, his son Doug (Andrea) and Bess (Andrew) and two grandchildren, Gus and Georgia.