

RICHARD J. CARETTI

2000

Richard (Dick) was inducted into the Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame because of his exceptional playing skill in state and regional tournament competition.

Dick began playing racquetball in 1971 at Wayne State University and Rose Shores East Club. His first tournament was the Rose Shores Club Championships in 1979 where he came in 1st place in the Men's 45.

Some of Dick's most impressive racquetball accomplishments include:

1982 & 83	MRA State Singles - Men's 55 - 1st
1982	AARA National Singles - Men's 55 - 2nd
1983	MARA State Singles - Men's 55 - 1st
1984 through 86	RAM State Singles - Men's 55 - 1st
1984 & 86	AARA Regional Singles - Men's 55 - 1st
1987 through 89	RAM State Singles - Men's 60 - 1st
1987 & 88	AARA Regional Singles - Men's 60 - 1st
1991	RAM State Singles - Men's 60 - 1st
1993 through 95	RAM State Singles - Men's 65 - 1st

Between the years of 1982 through 1995 Dick came in 1st place in either the Men's 55 or 60 or 65 divisions "13" times in the State Championships in Michigan.

Dick was born in November of 1926 and is now a resident of Grosse Pointe Park. Dick is married to Penelope and has four girls, two boys and six grandchildren. Dick has been a Chief of Police and Fire, in Grosse Pointe Park, for fifteen years and has worked for the Detroit Police Department for 34 years.

When asked what he hoped that people would remember about him he replied: "I hope people will remember that I always tried to be a gentleman both on and off the court. The Racquetball community, socially and competitively, was a most important part of my life and I hope everybody was able to discern how proud I was to be in their company."