



# Richard B. Daughty

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**R**ichard Daughty, age 74, departed this life peacefully on February 10, 2022 at his home with his wife by his side. He had lost his long battle with cancer. He was born in Orangeburg, SC to Mary Virginia West and Ralph B. Daughty on March 27, 1947 the oldest of three children. He grew up in an Air Force family calling many places home, but when asked where he was from, he always said Bellevue, NE where he graduated from Bellevue High School. He served in the army. He graduated with a BS from Florida Technological University and Masters' programs at Florida State University and University of South Florida.

He was a true Renaissance man teaching himself to play multiple instruments, learning many crafts such as batik, portrait painting and silk screening, excelling in the field of economics with wit and humor, and playing golf every week with a new theory on improving his game. His work life was wide and varied from first mate on a tugboat to a behavior specialist working with developmentally disabled children to boat builder to software developer and ultimately to the "job" he loved most, spreading his economic message writing the Mogambo Guru newsletter that always ended with Ugh! His second love was music. He was passionate about Mozart and bluegrass. Played in many bands throughout his adult life including putting his wife through nursing school with a second job playing in a country band.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Dan Daughty. He is lovingly remembered by his spouse of 43 years, Carolyn Smith; daughter, Joanie Davis; sister and spouse, Deedee and Bob Lester; grandchildren, Jacob and Dylan Weisbaum; nephew and nieces and their spouses, Chris and Alyse Goodwin, Katie Goodwin and Philip Ashley, and Marianne Goodwin and Jon Wolfsberger; great nephew, Jackson Wolfsberger; and, his entire clan of in-laws led by his mother-in-law, Joanne Smith. His influence will forever remain in the lives and hearts of all who knew him.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to: Humane Society of Pinellas,



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3040 FL-590, Clearwater, FL 33759 or to Mises Institute, 518 West Magnolia Avenue, Auburn, AL 36832.

A Memorial Service by invitation only will be held on March 27, 2022 in celebration of a life well lived.

Condolences may be posted online at [www.memorialparkfuneralhome.com](http://www.memorialparkfuneralhome.com)



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**David Tatman** posted:

It's now 2024, and I just learned of Richard's passing. In his alter ego of the Mogambo Guru, he encouraged me, and many, many others to buy gold in the years immediately after the millennium. In retrospect, he was both totally accurate and funny as well. His humor, along with the wisdom of Robert J. "Bob" Moriarty of 321gold.com, led me and many others to purchase physical gold when it was arguably at it's cheapest. I miss Richard's wit and wisdom deeply. The world is a sadder place without him. Rest in Peace, our Mogambo Guru.

September 7 at 5:41 PM



**Darren Casella** posted:

Way back in 2005, a friend of mine sent me a link to a website that had an archive of articles written by Richard (Mogambo Guru) Daughty. I was just beginning my journey into economics and I couldn't believe someone could write such beautiful prose within this normally dry field. Richard made economics exciting, infuriating, and best of all a joy to read with his humorous and insightful writing. Thank you Richard, for showing me how to laugh at the absurdity of it all.

December 12 at 7:27 PM



**Joseph Mapenda** August 1 at 10:24 AM

Thank your Richard for everything. Forever I will be your Junior Mogambo Ranger, you opened my eyes when I could not understand a dam thing about economics. Thank you so much and peace onto you .



**Dave Bellamy** June 3 at 3:14 AM

I'm reading this on 3 June 2023. I was so hoping Richard was still around but saw an interview a couple of years ago where he had obviously been very ill just previous to the interview. I think I stumbled on his writings in the early 2000s and he was witty and hilarious and his interviews were even more funny. Just a great guy. The kind of person it would have been a blast to meet.



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DC

**Dan Chaplin** posted:

I was very sorry to just read of the loss of Mr. Richard Daughty back in February. I was an avid reader of Mr. Daughty as the Mogambo Guru for many years and had the pleasure of meeting him in person when I was a store manager @ Publix back in 2016. He was shopping in my store and I approached and asked him if he was Mr. Daughty. He was thrilled that I recognized him and we had a great conversation about his articles as well as investing in gold and silver of course. To my surprise, he included our conversation in one of his articles written in Sept. of 2016, "Me and Manager Dan", which I'll always appreciate and never forget. My thoughts are with his entire family and know that he truly impacted many lives with his financial wisdom. Dan Chaplin

September 8 at 5:21 AM

SG

**Steve Grove** November 7 at 7:44 PM

Read him, never met him. Wish I had. He imparted joy and knowledge in a very creative writing style. Thanks Guru, rest well. Steve Grove in Juneau Alaska 7nov2023

MF

**Martin Fouts** posted:

I first heard Richard playing the violin at the Bluegrass Shop on 66th St. I was awestruck. I bought a fiddle a few days later and took lessons from him for just a few months. He was a Wonderful teacher. Extremely patient and encouraging. I was 45 at the time. He got me "over the hump". I was hooked! If not for Richard I wouldn't even own a violin. I would have given up. Instead, I've had years of joy from playing, either with a band or just practicing. It's therapeutic. We talked about many things during our lessons. He was wise, funny and had a gift for imparting knowledge. I'm so grateful to have met him.

March 8 at 4:20 AM

CS

**Carolyn Smith** March 30 at 12:57 AM

Thank you for sharing this Marty.



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BH

**Betsy Heard** posted:

Richard had many unique qualities. One that I loved was his love for words. The fact that he would actually read the dictionary.....and, enjoy it !!!!! made me smile and left me to never look at a dictionary again without thinking of him.I loved that after our meals at our family gatherings Richard would unashamedly find his place on the couch and close his eyes for a little siesta.I loved that he loved Mozart and that he knew when his birthday was and each year celebrated it in some small way.I will miss his dry humor, his wisdom and his passion for music that was contagious.Our family is now a little smaller and a little less colorful but he lives on in countless memories which have been made over the many years. My heartfelt condolences go out to his wife Carolyn, his sister Deedee and his daughter Joanie for therein lie the strongest and longest ties. May the best of memories always bless your hearts and cause you to smile.Most Sincerely,BetsySister-in-law

March 1 at 4:48 PM

CA

**Carolyn** March 3 at 1:43 AM

As always your poetic words touch my heart.

HB

**Howard Boozer** posted:

I met Richard through his beautiful wife, Carolyn, my dear friend. He was a delightful guest; never a dull moment with his quick wit, quixotic, intelligent responses. One could talk to him on any subject. The world will miss this one of a kind guy.

February 24 at 11:36 AM

DO

**Doug** posted:

I knew Richard only as The Mogambo Guru. We had a 14 year email/text/mail friendship where I got to know the generosity and kindness of this "angriest man in economics". Richard 's hilarious stories in his newsletters brought joy into a troubled home and forged a deep bond between my daughter and I that exists to this day. We're just 2 of many that Richard's life touched in such a way.It was an honor to finally meet Richard in person, have a cup of coffee, and listen to Mozart's piano concerto #20 while his hands danced in the air. Every once in a while he would get this twinkle in his eye, get excited, and ask if I caught that last note.Richard never failed to ask about all the people in my life. He wanted to know how everyone was doing and always told me to send his love to them. He was a humble man who was always surprised, and a bit perplexed, when I told him about people that would write to me about him and how proud they were to be addressed as Junior Mogambo Ranger by the Mogambo Guru himself.We love you, Richard. And we miss you.Doug & Nova

February 24 at 10:53 AM



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