



While in his senior year at Liberty, Dick considered furthering his education at a military college. Since the United States Military Academy at West Point was not an option, he elected to attend the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) in Lexington, VA.

After Dick completed his freshman year (plebe year) at VMI, he transferred to Penn State, graduating in 1965 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Shortly thereafter he married Barbara Zamadics with whom he had two children, Jennifer and Amy. Dick's first job was with Western Electric in Allentown. Starting as a Chemical Engineer, he was involved in the design and utilization of the chemical processes associated with the manufacture of electronic devices; specifically electron tubes which have evolved into what are today's, integrated circuits. Aside from the Vietnam war, the country was involved in a cold war with the Soviet Union. Both countries developed inter-continental ballistic missiles (ICBM) that were capable of attacking targets in each others territory. Dick received a critical skills deferment from the military because he was involved in the development of the Nike-X Missile, a missile designed to protect the United States from an attack by the Soviet Union.

Dick continued to work in Allentown for the next 11 years. In 1976, he received a promotion and was transferred to Western's corporate engineering department in Manhattan. Knowing that living in Manhattan would cost a small fortune, Dick and Barbara opted to relocate to Scotch Plains, N.J., a small quiet town, about an hour train ride from Manhattan. Working at the Western Electric headquarters gave Dick the opportunity to progress from pure engineering into management positions involved with strategic planning, corporate marketing and business development. In 1988 Dick was married to his second wife, Carolyn. They settled in Plainfield, NJ.

In 1995, Dick was transferred to Western Electric's "Global Systems for Mobility" division based in Swindon, England where he managed employees based in the United Kingdom, Germany, and Singapore. While there, Dick and Carolyn lived in Marlow, England, an engaging town in the county of Buckinghamshire and about an hour drive from Swindon. After three year's of working in Swindon, Dick and Carolyn moved back to the United States.

Throughout Dick's career, he worked for several companies, all brought about by mergers and acquisitions. In 1984, Western Electric was acquired by AT&T Network Systems which later merged with Lucent Technologies. Lucent was eventually procured by Alcatel, a telecommunications company which subsequently became Nokia, a telecommunication, information technology and consumer electronics company based in Finland.

Dick's wife, Carolyn, graduated from the University of North Carolina with a degree in Botany and spent her working years as a medical technologist, specializing in oncology. Dick and Carolyn have an extended family of five children. Dick has two daughters; the oldest, Jennifer, who lives in Hoboken, N.J., is Vice President of Licensing for a company in New York. The younger, Amy, is a tax attorney living in Wayne, PA. Carolyn has a daughter living in Tunisia, North Africa, a son living in Arlington, Virginia, and another son living in Mendham, New Jersey. Together they have 11 grandchildren.

Dick spent over 40 years working for Western Electric, AT&T and Lucent Technologies and retired from Lucent in the year 2000. He and Carolyn spent the next 10 years living in Melissa, Texas where Dick worked for several Wi-Fi Service Provider startup companies (Wi-Fi allows devices to connect with each other wirelessly) doing strategic planning and business development. Finally in 2010, Dick permanently retired. He and Carolyn moved to Lewes, Delaware (a beach community on the Delaware Bay) where they currently reside.

In retirement, Dick and Carolyn live an active lifestyle. Dick enjoys playing golf and surf fishing, but most important is his enthusiasm for photography. He also volunteers at a local Community Village helping senior citizens. Carolyn is a Master Gardener and an avid



bridge player. Together, Dick and Carolyn have traveled extensively throughout Europe, the Middle East, the Far East and Africa. With no intention of slowing down, their bucket list includes traveling through the southwest part of the United States and exploring some of the beautiful national parks.