Richard Martin "Dick" Brown



After a long illness, Dick Brown passed away on the morning of January 1, 2018.

Dick Brown was long recognized for his lifelong commitment to advancing political and economic development around the world.

Dick graduated from Woodstock School in 1958. He received his BA in Political Science from Muskingum College., Ohio. After graduation, he joined the Peace Corps, working in poultry development in Uttar Pradesh, India. He returned

to the US to earn a MA degree in Asian Studies and a Doctorate in International Relations from the American University in Washington D.C. Upon receiving his degree, he returned to the Peace Corps in India to direct training programs in poultry development, farm management, applied nutrition and livestock development.

After the Peace Corps, he joined the United Nations Development Program working in Korea, Indonesia and Sri Lanka. In 1980, Dick joined USAID, where he served with distinction for 20 years, with postings in India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Egypt. In 2000, his work for USAID was recognized with its Distinguished Career Service Award, and in 2002 he was awarded Presidential Distinguished Rank, the highest US Government Award.

After retiring from USAID in 2000, Dick became Vice-President of Winrock International, an NGO specializing in rural development, renewable energy, and environment.