



## Mr. Richard J. "Richy" Bovee

October 7, 1932 - January 18, 2023

NORTH UTICA - Mr. Richard J. "Richy" Bovee, age 90, passed away unexpectedly after a long and fruitful life, on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 in the comfort of his home.

Born in Utica on October 7, 1932, Richard was the son of the late Dominick and Angeline (Nicotera) Bovee. He was raised in his family home on Glass Factory Road and graduated from the Whitesboro School System. A proud veteran of the United States Army, he honorably served his country stateside as a Medic. Richard and Mary A. McCann worked alongside one another for the Utica City School District, he as a bus driver and she as an aide. That was how their relationship started ~ the flame was bright, and he loved Mary's eyes. They shared 42 years together in a beautiful relationship that was mutually respectful, and Mary knew from the beginning, he was the love of her life.

Richy began his life's work alongside his late father, Dominick, as a driver for Cargo Trucking Company. Subsequently, he was employed at the Rite Aid Distribution Center, once again as a driver. But his last position was the epitome of his career — transporting students to and from school, a calling he carried out with energy and enthusiasm because he truly loved the kids he serviced. He was a man made for the road and he also loved vehicles, especially the ones made back in the 1940's because they were sturdy, stylish, real cars with steel pistons and dashes of classy chrome!

Although he was large in stature, Richy was gentle in mannerisms. He

had a quiet demeanor, but was a 'sweet talker' with a sense of humor and a wit for storytelling. He was also wise and knowledgeable with an affinity to fix anything; he had a masterful mindset. Family was a blessing to him, and his "children" were a true delight. When the grandkids came along, he loved them as well, and they called him grandpa. He appreciated the kids loving him and he focused his attention upon them. This was a love that filled his heart.

Richy and Mary enjoyed dining out, but truth be told, he was happiest at home with his pasta fagioli, spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, and he was a potato man as well! He flitted around the house with enthusiasm because it was his happy home and he loved everyone who shared it with him, especially around the holidays when family gathered and traditions endured. Richy was a salmon fisherman, with a number of anglers by his side, walking many creeks in Pulaski and the surrounding areas; it's been told that sometimes Mary's catch would be larger Richy's, but never as many! Camping was always a part of family travels and trips, and those adventures made for the best memories. On Sundays, Richy listened to Italian music played by the late Joe Putruelle, "The Voice of New Italy", tunes that brought back the nostalgia of the "good old days".

Richy honored his Catholic creed and faithfully attended church. When he was unable to participate in Sunday Mass in person, he and Mary watched it on television, and cherished that blessed time.

Richard is survived by Mary, the love of his life; Mary's children whom he loved as his own, Tina Testa, Judy and Dominick Williams, Catherine McCann, and Warren McCann. He was grandpa to Terri McClusky, Tricia McClusky, and Tara McClusky; Jessica Provost; Dalton McCann, Karlee and Mark Learned; and his great-grandchildren, Mason Major; Ambrose "Punshy"; Amber McClusky, Jordan McClusky; and Angelo McClusky. He also leaves a cousin; and his in-laws, Eleanor Smith, Harold and Marie Provost, twins, Angela Pardi and her husband Peter, and Tony Provost; twins, Timmy Provost and Tommy Provost, David Provost, Christine Provost, and Bernadette and Nathaniel Ohmen.

Richy was so blessed to have Mary, Judy, and Dominick who were constant caregivers to his every need and the source of his ability to stay in the comfort of his home until the very end.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Richard's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday immediately upon conclusion of visitation. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

## Funeral Service

JAN 24. 6:00 PM (ET)

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corner of Hammond Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Judy, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Richy sounds like a wonderful person who'll be missed greatly.* ”

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**Linda Hennessey** - January 21, 2023 at 04:47 PM