



Mr. Richard C. "Dick" Delahunt

February 16, 1944 - April 22, 2016

Mr. Richard C. "Dick" Delahunt, Sr., age 72, passed away on Friday, April 22, 2016, following a diagnosis of acute leukemia. At the time of his passing, his loving family was by his side.

Born in Camden on February 16, 1944, Richard was the son of the late Thomas F. and Jeannette (Beyer) Delahunt. Raised and educated in Oriskany, he was a graduate of Oriskany High School. A patriotic veteran, Dick was proud to serve his country as a United States Navy Seabee, a member of the United States Naval Construction Forces. He was stationed stateside as well as serving two tours of duty in Vietnam. For his valorous military service, he was the recipient of numerous awards and medals. On March 6, 1968 he married the former Annette Smith. From the moment she met him, she loved him. Together, they shared 48 years navigating the realities of life and knowing the blessing of their children.

Dick was employed by the St. Elizabeth Medical Center for 25 years. For 10 of those years, he held the position of Director of Facilities Management, retiring in 2002. He spent his retirement years riding his touring Harley Road King and residing many joyous winters in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Dick knew the ways of Oneida Lake, having enjoyed his summer camp at Sylvan Beach. This year marks 40 years of watching glorious sunsets and being a great and helpful neighbor, generously showing many acts of kindness. At camp, he was King of the Grill and partook in friendly games of cards on the porch. As a patriarch, he was a great dad and "pop" to his grandchildren, and they truly idolized him.

He expressed his love openly and was honest about learning from life's lessons. He taught them to be respectful and fair-minded, and to enjoy the activities of water skiing, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, and splitting and stacking cords of wood. He supported his grandchildren in all their sporting events especially Whitesboro football school with his unique way of awarding their accomplishments and rooting them on with vigor. "Holy night Thursdays" were reserved for friendly card games that he played with his sons and cherished friends. Dick was a family man and well-known as a good time man with grand social skills. He welcomed everyone, and he could communicate and connect with all ages. He was a determined man who spoke his piece of mind with intelligence and forethought. He was a member of Amera Vet, the DAV, and the American Legion Riders where he rode for many patriotic causes. God guided his life and he supported his church community by serving as a Eucharistic Minister and an usher. He was a parishioner of St. Anne's Church until its closing. He then joined the congregation of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, and during summer months, was a communicant of Our Lady of the Lake Church. Richard's goal was to live his life "his way" to the very end. He fought the good fight, as a Christian, in the name of his God, his family, and his country.

Richard is survived by his wife, Annette; his children and their loves; Richard C. Delahunt, Jr., John and Rebecca Delahunt, Michael and Mandy Delahunt; Joelle and Marc C. Fasolo; his daughter-in-law Jacqueline Delahunt; his grandchildren, Alexis, Johnny, Giavanna, and RJ; Hunter, Brock, and Peyton; Emma, and Brady Fasolo. He held close to his heart the memory of his granddaughter, Addison Marie "Addie Girl" Fasolo, who preceded him in death. He also leaves his adored great-granddaughter, Austin Marie; his sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Lou Posselt, and his brother and sister-in-law, Thomas F., Jr. and Elizabeth Delahunt of Jacksonville, FL. He will also remain in the hearts of his nieces and nephews, especially acknowledging Tonya, Kristyna, David, and Kathy; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, mother-in-law, Stella Smith; his Sylvan Beach family, Joe and Geri Nowicki and their son

Joe Jr.; his Florida family; and his longtime friend, Tom Yocum. He was predeceased by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Jean and Joseph DeLorenzo, and Diane and Leslie Merriman; his brother, Lawrence H. "Larry" Delahunt; and his longtime friend, Joe Terrisi.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Dr. Bhisham Garg, Dr. Samir Desai, and Dr. Devayani Namassivaya for their compassionate concern for Richard and their professional advice; the Intensive Care Unit nurses and staff at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, especially Gina, Toni, Jess, Zhanna, and Kelly. They were caregivers who went above and beyond in their kindness to Dick and his family. Also, the Delahunt's could not have been able to endure this journey without Richard's daughter-in-law Rebecca who was their rock. Visitation will be held Tuesday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Children's Miracle Network or cast a vote for Trump, in lieu of flowers; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Richard's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home, he will be escorted by members of the Patriot Guard Riders to his Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, offered by Rev. Paul Madej. Military Honors will be conferred by the American Legion Color Guard and the U.S. Navy.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

APR **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church
1736 Burrstone Road
New Hartford, NY 13413

Tribute Wall

RR

“ Our Uncle Dick was the rock of his family. He showed us what family meant but most of all how much he loved Aunt Annette, his children, grandchildren, and great grant-daughter. He showed kindness and love helping family and friends touching all who knew him. He loved apple, blueberry and chocolate cream pie most and ice cream.. But most of all he showed my mother his sister Jeannette, myself, my husband and our daughter Tricia Sylvan Beach, Whether playing in the sand, or going in the lake, kayaking, going on his boat, or his bar-b-cues, his ribs were the best. Sometimes just hanging out with him and the family. We all loved the amazing sunsets over looking the lake we would go out and watch them. He rode his bicycle at the sunset to watch it as well. He showed us his picture in newspaper. We will all miss him sitting either on the front porch or on our neighbors yard enjoying this beautiful sunset. Now Uncle Dick you can rest and see all the beautiful sunsets and watch over your family from above just as you always have. We will miss you dearly.
With love,
your niece Rosie and Bob and Tricia

ROSEMARY ROGERS - April 28, 2016 at 05:44 PM

TS

“ THE SOSSO'S lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard C. "Dick" Delahunt



THE SOSSO'S - April 27, 2016 at 07:40 AM

SU

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss.

Cliff and Sue Fletcher

Sue - April 26, 2016 at 07:23 PM

DI

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Dick and Sylvia Szczerba



Dick - April 26, 2016 at 07:21 PM

DC

“ To the entire Delahunt family we are truly sorry for the loss of your father. We know that he was a very important part of your family. We send our condolences and you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry we are unable to attend any of the services for Richard, as we are out of town. -The Calhoun's

David & Claudia Calhoun - April 26, 2016 at 07:20 PM

GD

“ Annette and Family, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Prayers for peace and comfort. Glenda DePerno

Glenda DePerno - April 26, 2016 at 02:08 PM

RG

“ Dear Annette and the Delahunt Family,

Mick and I were shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Dick's unexpected passing on Friday. He was the ROCK of your family and so much loved by everyone that ever had the pleasure of meeting him. My heart is breaking for all of you because I know he was such a devoted loving and caring brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. And he always said Hello in that friendly easy caring way with a big smile on his face. Even though we only get to see everyone in the summer it is always good times with lots of good food, drinks and laughs to hang with the Delahunts. We are truly blessed to have met him and to have had time to spend with him and his family at Sylvan Beach. My deepest condolences. I will keep you and Dick in my thoughts and prayers.

Love you all!

Rosemary and Mick



Rosemary Gaeta and Mick George - April 26, 2016 at 01:02 PM

AT

“ Dear Annette & Family,
I am so saddened to hear of Dick's passing.
He was such a wonderful, gentle, soul, and
always with a smile on his face. I will always
cherish the memories, years ago, of our times
at the "camp". I'm sure Erma was waiting for him in heaven with
FOOD in hand! I am so sorry that I am unable to attend services as
I am in FL, but my thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless.
Love,
Antoinette Talerico



Antoinette Talerico - April 26, 2016 at 09:28 AM

GK

“ Condolences to the Delahunt family and
friends. Thank you Dick for your service to our
country.



Gail Koslosky - April 26, 2016 at 08:51 AM

DM

“ Annette,
My deepest sympathy and prayers for you and the entire family at
this difficult time.
With condolences,
Donna Magaro

donna magaro - April 26, 2016 at 07:48 AM

BK

“ *Dick we will always remember you as the kindhearted person you were. Always had a smile and a welcome greeting.
God Bless you*

Becky and Bob Koslosky - April 26, 2016 at 07:09 AM

BK

“ *Becky And Bob Koslosky lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Richard C. "Dick" Delahunt*



Becky and Bob Koslosky - April 26, 2016 at 07:07 AM

MP

“ *Our heartfelt thoughts are with the entire Delahunt family with the sad news of Dick's passing. George worked with Dick at St. Elizabeth Hospital and often tells of the stories of the fun of working with him and the fun when they would get together for social functions with the hospital. Never saw Dick without a smile. Comfort each other with happy memories and the love Dick wished for all his family and friends.....
Prayers are with you from -- George and Marilyn Price*

Marilyn Price - April 26, 2016 at 06:37 AM

KR

“ *My condolences to one of the closest families I've ever seen! It's been years but my fondest memories of Mr. Delahunt was riding motorcycles with him and his sons. I was only up to the camp a few times but there was a lot of laughs, food, drinks and card playing. He always asked Rob or myself when he saw us, "how our girls were?" He was blessed with such a loving family. He will be missed by many*



Kim Rueb - April 25, 2016 at 10:17 PM

TY

“ *Tom, Laura, Joel & Sydney Yocum purchased the Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Pink & White for the family of Mr. Richard C. "Dick" Delahunt.*



Tom, Laura, Joel & Sydney Yocum - April 25, 2016 at 08:00 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard C. "Dick" Delahunt.*



April 25, 2016 at 07:55 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard C. "Dick" Delahunt.



April 25, 2016 at 06:44 PM



“ *In our thoughts and prayers. Mike and Anna Sardina..*



Mike Sardina - April 25, 2016 at 05:18 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard C. "Dick" Delahunt.



April 25, 2016 at 04:19 PM

KB

“ Dick will be greatly missed by me and our Family. He and his Family are a part of so many fond memories that I have over the years in Sylvan Beach. Things just won't be the same without him there. My deepest condolences to the Family in your time need. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. There is a void in my life now that will remain empty. Rest in Peace Dick.



Ken Best

Ken Best - April 25, 2016 at 03:34 PM

RB

“ Things will never be the same for me and many others at Sylvan Beach without Dick's presence. He was a true Sylvan Beach icon. I will miss the warm smiles and welcomes he always had for me each time I was able to visit my in laws cottage. I always looked forward to seeing him and talking. Unfortunately, I only had the pleasure and privilege of seeing Dick a few times a year during holidays. However, in those times I always admired Dick for his generosity, always there to help, and his sincere love for his family. I will sincerely miss you Dick and peace be with you.

Roger Best

Roger Best - April 25, 2016 at 01:45 PM

TD

“ *The Oriole Gardens 1 Asociation Board of Directors purchased the White Sympathy Basket s for the family of Mr. Richard C. "Dick" Delahunt.*



The Oriole Gardens 1 Asociation Board of Directors - April 25, 2016 at 01:30 PM

RB

“ *Roger J. Best purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Richard C. "Dick" Delahunt.*



Roger J. Best - April 25, 2016 at 01:25 PM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard C. "Dick" Delahunt.*



April 25, 2016 at 12:51 PM

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“ *Dave, Bredget & Kids (Merriman) purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mr. Richard C. "Dick" Delahunt.*



Dave, Bredget & Kids (Merriman) - April 25, 2016 at 12:35 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard C. "Dick" Delahunt.*



April 25, 2016 at 09:45 AM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard C. "Dick" Delahunt.*



April 25, 2016 at 09:06 AM



Jackie Bateson

“ *To my dear father-in-law, you will be greatly missed, not only by your family, but by the many lives you touched during your short 72 years on this earth. Please pray for us as you enter the gates of heaven, for you are in a far greater place than those of us you left behind.*

Jackie Bateson (Delahunt)

Jackie Bateson - April 24, 2016 at 06:04 PM

RA

“ *Such a wonderful hard working man who always showed how much he loved his family. Our sad hearts have you all in our thoughts . He will be so missed at Sylvan Beach . Dick was such a big part of our Sylvan Beach family. Always so helpful Always a smile on his face. It was always a comfort hearing his Harley come and go just knowing he was around. Ride on Dick , be at peace and know you were loved by all. Joe, Gina, and Brandon Arcuri*

Regina Arcuri - April 24, 2016 at 06:02 PM

AG

“ *Dicky Delahunt was our cousin , our friend , our favorite. His loss will be a void in our lives for many years. God please watch over his family.*
Kathleen and Ally Garguilo

Ally Garguilo - April 24, 2016 at 04:12 PM