



Mr. Richard F. "Dick" Montero, Sr.

May 9, 1923 - September 17, 2014

Mr. Richard F. "Dick" Montero, Sr., age 91, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on May 9, 1923, Richard was the son of the late German and Teresa (Augustine) Montero. He was raised and educated locally. A proud veteran of the United States Navy, he honorably served his country during World War II from 1940-1946 stationed in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations where he served on the U.S.S. Louisville, a heavy cruiser that survived a kamikaze hit by two Japanese planes. Dick was the recipient of 8 Campaign Star Medals as well as the Victory Medal for valor. On January 19, 1946, a cold winter day, he married the girl who warmed his heart, the former Virginia A. Risucci; they loved each other from a young age and complemented each other's character. During their 68-year union, they were a happy, high-spirited couple who shared many adventures, and to his last day they loved each other unconditionally.

During his career as a salesman, Dick was gifted with the ability to know a client's need. He held numerous sales positions, but the majority of his years were spent with the Carbone family. At work and at home, Dick was a charismatic, loving gentleman, fastidious in his attire and his abode. He was selfless in his actions and gave so much of himself. He never judged people and always spoke well of others. His wife was most precious to him, and as a dad, he held high ideals and taught his children to appreciate the blessings of

life. His grandchildren adored him for the love and guidance he entrusted to them, and his friendships ran deep. Dick's patriotic service was something that shaped his way of living, and the blessings of his family, especially his grandchildren, enhanced his life. Traditional times were important to Dick and Virginia, and they opened their home to family and friends to gather and make an ordinary day so special and memorable. A man of faith, Dick was guided by his true devotion to the Lord.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife, Vi, who resides at Lutheran Care; his children and their spouses, Richard F. Jr. and Nancy Montero of Utica, Gary A. Montero of New York Mills, and Cynthia and Steve Bussey of Whitesboro; his adored grandchildren, Alexandra Critelli, and Connor Critelli. Always close to his heart was the memory of his grandson, Richard L. Montero, who passed away on August 31, 2012. He also leaves his great-grandson, Marquis Bradford; his brother, Luis Montero; and his brother-in-law, Arthur R. Risucci, Sr. He was predeceased by his four sisters, one brother, and members of the Risucci family.

The family extends their gratitude to Dr. Kevin McCormick, and the physicians, nurses, and the entire staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, especially the Special Care Unit. Their compassion, kindness, and support will never be forgotten. Thanks also to Fr. Walter Madej who shared his friendship and spiritual guidance with Richard. The family is grateful to the Lord, Jesus Christ, for the 91 years of Richard's life that were so precious to his family. Visitation will be held Saturday from 11:00-1:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Richard's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 from the funeral home and at 2:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial with Military Honors will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Committal services and Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2701

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

SEP 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall

CS

“ Cheryl L Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard F. "Dick" Montero, Sr.



Cheryl L Stewart - December 22, 2014 at 04:32 PM

CS

With great sincerity, to my family I never knew. To my uncle Dick that I never knew, but met once in Utica, NY. when I was 11. My sympathy to the Monteros for your loss. Rest in peace Uncle Dick.

*Cheryl L. Stewart
12/22/2014*

Cheryl L Stewart - December 22, 2014 at 04:41 PM

CH

12/25/2014 I would like you to know my dearest mother Rose (Rosario) Anita Montero Stewart is alive and well at 97 years young, praise God. In this obit my departed dearest grand mothers last name is D'Augustino. Rest in peace loving grandmother, and grandfather. Sincerely, CLS

Cheryl - December 25, 2014 at 12:09 PM

CB

“ *I was vey saddened to learn of Dick's passing. I have many wonderful memories of both him and your Mom and even you kids. I am no longer in the area, so please accept my deepest condolences. y thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Cathy Bohen - September 30, 2014 at 09:18 AM

JZ

“ our thughts and prayer go out to the Montero family .dick always had a great sence of hummer and smile...he will never be forgotten . to a wonderfull man may he now rest in peace,,,jerry and Janine zenzillo at napolis bakery //////////////

jerry zenzillo - September 20, 2014 at 06:58 PM

MW

“ We are sorry for your loss. So many happy memories of Dick, Virginia and family from Mary Street. Dick was a wonderful man. Mary and Chet Wlock

Mary and Chet Wlock - September 19, 2014 at 04:51 PM

BQ

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family, especially to Richard and Nancy, at this difficult time. From your friends and neighbors at Genesee Court.

B. Quist - September 19, 2014 at 11:52 AM

DK

“ Dawn M. Kromrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard F. "Dick" Montero, Sr.



Dawn M. Kromrey - September 19, 2014 at 07:07 AM

DK

“ *Dicki will forever be in my heart. He was a wonderful man whose laughter and sweet spirited nature will always be remembered. The world is a lesser place without him. I always thought of Dicki as a father and he was the best father anything could ever ask for. May you rest in peace Dicki Porch, I will never forget you. Love your daughter-in-law Dawna Marie.*

Dawn M. Kromrey - September 19, 2014 at 07:02 AM