



Mr. Richard "Dick" Valente

March 6, 1939 - April 28, 2016

Mr. Richard "Dick" Valente, age 77, passed away on Thursday, April 28, 2016 in the comfort of his home.

Born in Utica on March 6, 1939, Richard was the son of the late Biase John and Fannie (Testa) Valente. He was raised and educated in Utica. A proud veteran, Dick honorably served his country from March 6, 1956 to February 17, 1958 in the United States Marine Corps and proudly retired from the Army Reserves in 1999. He was married to the former Sandra D. Nicholas.

Dick was employed by the City of Utica/Department of Public Works as a mechanic, driver, and welder, under the administrations of Mayors Pawlinga, LaPolla, and Hanna, retiring in 1999. He also worked for the New York State Department of Transportation as a member of the bridge crew and tree crew on the Barge Canal and Alder Creek. Dick worked hard and was dependable at whatever job he was assigned. He was an avid gardener and baker, and was fond of meeting family and friends for breakfast. During his leisure time, he enjoyed riding his motorcycle with his buddies, participating in many motorcycle benefit rides.

Richard is survived by his wife, Sandra; his daughters and son-in-law, Randie and Brian Schrader, Tabitha Cook, and Patricia Valente. He treasured in his heart the memories of his daughters, Corinna, and Babette, who preceded him in death. He also leaves his son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Sue Valente; his 12 grandchildren whom he loved dearly; and several great-grandchildren. He will also be remembered by his sisters, Mary Lou Olivadoti,

Janet Weed, Diana Gerace, and Shirley Louise Moore; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald and Sarah Valente, Charles and Janice Coakley, Robert "Bob" Valente, and Jon and Rosemary Valente; his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws. He was predeceased by his brother, Johnny Lee Adkins; nephew, Keith Valente; and sister-in-law, Patricia Valente.

In keeping with Richard's wishes, there will be no services. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in his honor may make a donation to the Wounded Warrior Foundation online at <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>. His funeral service and Inurnment will take place privately in Saratoga National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

JV

“ My Condolences to Sandy and her family. I could not have asked for a better brother than Dickie. He was kind and very giving of himself. He was a true Marine all his life and supported other Marines. When my brother Johnny passed away he made sure he got a proper Marine sendoff. Thank you Dick. As I was growing up Dick and the Valente family would go to Woodgate to work on the camp. These were good times. Lots of good memories. These memories that we shared will always be with me. The world has lost a good man with good values. Dick I will truly miss you.

Your brother
Jon Valente

Jon Valente - May 09, 2016 at 03:39 PM

JV

“ Sandy and family, please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of "cousin Dickie". One heck of a terrific cousin, a strong man and a very proud Marine. Dickie was the reason for me joining the Marines in 1966. He always helped my Father with car repairs and always paid for my Mother's taxi bills. When I was seventeen, he loaned me his car to take my driving test. Oh yes, the great times, jokes and games at the camp at White Lake will never be forgotten. There are so many great memories of the "good old days" at the family reunions that I can go on and on. I regret that I am not in the US to see his well deserved military burial. Rest In Peace Marine.

Semper-Fi
Cousin,
Johnny Valenti (Uncle Gene's Son)

John C. Valenti - May 04, 2016 at 05:31 AM

M)

“ Michael Jean & Anna (The Garro family) purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mr. Richard "Dick" Valente.



Michael Jean & Anna (The Garro family) - May 03, 2016 at 11:40 AM

TF

“ The Garro Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Valente



The Garro family - May 03, 2016 at 09:59 AM

CB

“ Carrie Briggs-Powers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Valente



Carrie Briggs-Powers - May 02, 2016 at 12:03 PM

DP

“He ain't dead he just ain't dead” fbi the government says “he isn't dead” cia

DICK PERVASIS - December 06, 2021 at 03:05 AM

MD

“ Michele DiNigro lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Valente



Michele DiNigro - May 02, 2016 at 07:56 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Dickie was like a big brother to me when I was growing up. My fondest memories are of being at the camp at White Lake and playing pranks on each other. RIP Cousin. Love Donna

Donna Cagle - May 01, 2016 at 08:15 PM

AS

“ AL Schaefer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Valente



AL Schaefer - May 01, 2016 at 05:37 PM

AS

So Sorry for your Loss. My Condolences to you and the Family...

AL Schaefer - May 01, 2016 at 05:40 PM

RB

“ So sorry for your loss my deepest condolences. Cousin Robin



Robin Bailey - May 01, 2016 at 05:00 PM

JV

Hey guys, I am very sorry for your loss and the sadness that goes along with it, it sucks, I know. All I can remember is snowmobiling behind your house on those trails. What a blast. Try to remember the joy and happiness he brought to your life. Take care.

John P. Valente - May 01, 2016 at 11:27 PM

PO

“ I will always remember spending weekends with Dickie and his family when I was a child. I will miss him deeply and I love him very much. cousin Patty.

Patty conino olmstead - May 01, 2016 at 02:58 PM

CD

“ Another member of our family has been taken much to soon. I will always remember Dickie for his love of family. Always there to help with a smile and big hug to make you feel good. You will be missed. Condolence to his family.

Carol DiNigro - May 01, 2016 at 10:28 AM

SA

“ I have known Dick for over 45 years and he was always a gentleman and a very proud Marine. My condolences to his wife and son and the entire family. Dick and I rode many times together on our motorcycles and we were both North Utica boys. He loved his family very much and expressed it many times. He will be missed especially on Bike Night at Daves Diner. RIP Dick!

Scander Astafan

scander astafan - May 01, 2016 at 08:55 AM

MA

“ Sorry to hear about Dickie. Talked to him couple of weeks ago as he always ordered bread from bakery. At that time he told me cancer had spread. As tough as Dickie was he was handling it as part of life. I will miss him popping in and always a hug. So sorry for Dicks Family Cousin Madeline

Madeline - May 01, 2016 at 08:52 AM

MC

“ Marie Cavoly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Valente



Marie Cavoly - May 01, 2016 at 05:20 AM