



Richard Jack Nelson

June 27, 1928 - February 10, 2017

Richard J. Nelson

RACINE - Richard Jack Nelson, 88, passed away on Friday, February 10, 2017 at his residence with his family by his side after a brave and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Racine on June 27, 1928, the son of the late David and Dorothy (nee: Lawton) Nelson.

Richard proudly served in the United States Air Force. At the time of his honorable discharge, he obtained the rank of Sergeant.

Richard worked as a bookbinder at Western Publishing for 43 years, retiring in 1993. He played softball for many years, earning many city titles. He also won several city singles championships for bowling in 1952 and 1953. Richard enjoyed playing cards and golf. He was a lifelong member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Richard was united in marriage to Shirley Koss in Racine at Trinity United Methodist Church on September 5, 1998.

Richard is survived by his wife, Shirley; children, Guy (Sandy) Nelson, Jacquelyn (Mark Londre) Treffert, Colleen (Daniel) Rhodes, and Brian (Hollie) Nelson; grandchildren, Heidi (Adam) Martin, Robert (Caitie Cox) Treffert, Heather (Devin Crawford) Treffert, Chris (Emily) Nelson, Casey (Buntha Hem) Nelson, Tyler Nelson, Evan Rhodes, Evan and Marin Holle; great grandchildren, Amiyah Davis, Ayson Martin, Lyra and Hector Treffert, Zoe, Leo, Pennie and Indira Nelson, Vinny Rhodes and Aubrey Crawford; brother,

David (Dorothy) Nelson; brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald (Marilyn) Trimberger, John (Mary Ellen) Trimberger, Jean Ripley, and Janice Wenzell. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia (nee: Clausen) Nelson; sisters, Corrine Schimming, Shirley Klamm, Phyliss (Dyson) Lloyd and Jeanne Johnson; and brother-in-law David Wenzell.

Funeral service for Richard will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 3825 Erie Street on Monday, February 20th, 2017 at 11 am with Rev. Charles Bauer-King officiating. Visitation will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Sunday, February 19, 2017 from 2 until 5 pm and will continue at church on Monday from 10 am until service time.

Richard will be laid to rest at West Lawn Memorial Park with full Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Richard in a special way may direct memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Richard's family would like to extend a thank you to Hospice Alliance, Dr. Ryan Engel and staff, and a very special thank you to Me'Lisa Johnson for their compassionate and gentle care.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

Visitation

FEB 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
3825 Erie Street
Racine, WI

Funeral Service

FEB 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
3825 Erie Street
Racine, WI

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Jack Nelson*



Sturino Funeral Home - February 15, 2017 at 06:35 PM

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Wow, beautiful tribute!

Becmy Heob - February 17, 2017 at 10:40 AM

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“ *Condolences to the family. Uncle Dick was a fine gentleman.
Sincerely, Ron and Dianne Chase*

Ronald Chase - February 19, 2017 at 08:32 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Jack Nelson.*



February 18, 2017 at 02:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Richard Jack Nelson*.



February 17, 2017 at 03:51 PM



“ *Colleen Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Richard Jack Nelson*



Colleen Rhodes - February 17, 2017 at 05:11 AM



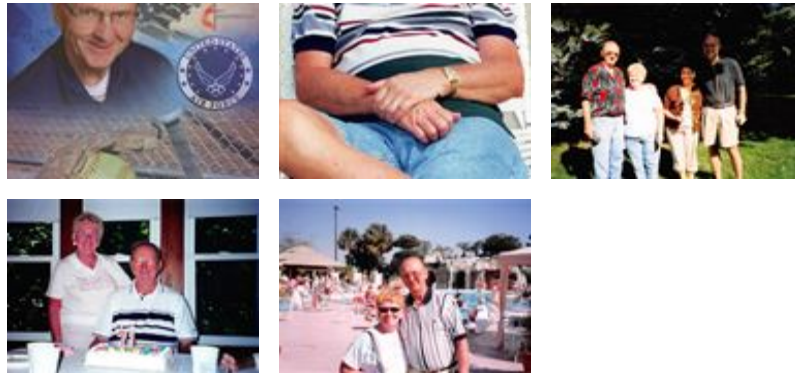
“ *Heartfelt Memories* was purchased for the family of *Richard Jack Nelson*.



February 16, 2017 at 09:57 AM



“ 82 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sturino Funeral Home - February 15, 2017 at 06:26 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Jack Nelson.



February 14, 2017 at 10:12 AM



“ Shirley and family,
May you find comfort in the memories that are yours to cherish always, and strength in the companionship of those who share your loss. Dick was always willing to help the HOA at Village Homes of Park Ridge. He will be greatly missed. Dick was simply a great person! Sherry Degerman/Village Homes of Park Ridge



Sherry Degerman - February 12, 2017 at 11:09 PM