



Richard "Rich" Pezanoski

October 6, 1930 - March 29, 2022

Richard "Rich" Eugene Pezanoski, age 91, was born October 6, 1930, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the late Sigmund Stanislaus and Jane Anastasia (Lewandowski) Pezanoski. He passed away on March 29, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

Richard graduated from St. Catherine's High School, Class of 1948. He fulfilled his childhood dream of flying and received his pilot license in 1951. He joined the Air National Guard, and then active military service as a radar operator in the Air Force from 1951-1953. Returning to Racine, he met and was united in marriage to Rachel Bradford in 1955. Richard and Rachel raised nine children and also shared their home with foster children throughout the years. Richard was employed by the Racine Journal Times, starting part-time in 1947, and then working full-time from 1949 until he retired in 1990 with 41 years of service.

Richard was a beloved son, brother, father, and friend. He was a true renaissance man, who greeted each day by counting his blessings: his family, the rising and setting of the sun, the feeling of the breeze off Lake Michigan, and the emergence of new growth in his garden. Richard was a working man with the spirit of an adventurer. He was a sailor, pilot, artist, storyteller, gardener, wine maker, wood carver, world traveler, lover of nature, and caregiver to his cat, Meow Meow. He was a man who lived his life through his hands, always creating, repairing, sharing, and reaching out to others. Richard was the unequivocal example of seizing the day to learn something new, talk

to someone yet to know, and explore somewhere yet to be discovered. He was kind, charitable, steadfast in his beliefs, and a man who, above all, treasured the moments he was surrounded by his family. Through his last decade, he often spoke with exuberance about his full life and how he had been blessed with “bonus years.” As he closed his life, Richard was embraced by his family, who will forever feel his generous soul, encouraging eyes, and his lessons to welcome the awe of each breaking day.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his brother, Raymond Pezanoski; sister, Mary Elaine Dretzka, brother-in-law, Roland Dretzka, son-in-law, Andy Cohen and sister-in-law, Lorraine Pezanoski. He is survived by his brother, Dr. Edward Pezanoski (Joanne); son, Mitchell Pezanoski, (Kim Lamar Pezanoski); 8 daughters, Diane Pezanoski (Andy Cohen, dec.), Joan Pezanoski (Michelle McKeown), Sue Pezanoski Browne, Leanne Evans (John), Carol Knitter (Jeff), Mary Bailey (Marty), Geralyn Pezanoski (Peter Markatos), and Lina Pezanoski; 18 grandchildren, Mitchell Pezanoski, Jr. (Kate), Matthew Pezanoski, Rachel Eberle (Dave), Alex Pezanoski, Anna Pezanoski-Cohen, Gabriel Pezanoski-Cohen, Alley Pezanoski-Browne (Nick Barbery), Peter Browne (Kaisa), Jake Evans (Kayla), Ian Evans (Andrea), Anna Evans, Christopher Knitter, Alexandra Knitter, Jordan McLean (Daniel), Landon Bailey (Emily), Jackson Pezanoski Markatos, Javasi Pezanoski-Young, Kenyatta Pezanoski-Young; 12 great grandchildren, Amos, Alexis, Alivia, Henry, Ben, Isaha, Sam, Charlie, Owen, Sunny, A.J., and Liam; loving companion of 30 years, Dorothy Spike; dear former spouse and good friend, Rachel Pezanoski; and cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

A celebration of Richard’s life will be held at Sturino Funeral Home, 3014 Northwestern Avenue, Racine. Visitation will take place on Thursday, April 7, 2022, from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. A second visitation will be held on Friday, April 8, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., with a service at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow with full military honors at Holy Cross Cemetery, 5600 Holy Cross Road, Racine. The family extends their deepest gratitude for the loving care, skill, and

friendship that was provided to Richard by his St. Monica's assisted living community over the past two years.

In lieu of flowers, Richard's family would like to honor the St. Monica's community by suggesting memorials be sent to St. Monica's Senior Living, 3920 N. Green Bay Road, Racine, WI 53404.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery Hwy 32

5600 Holy Cross Road
Racine, WI 53402

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
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Visitation

APR 8. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

APR 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



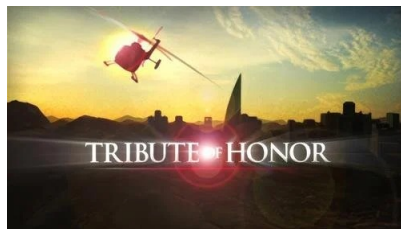
“ Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard "Rich" Pezanoski



Sturino Funeral Home - April 08, 2022 at 10:04 AM



“ Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Rich" Pezanoski



Sturino Funeral Home - April 04, 2022 at 06:39 PM

JB

Diane, my sincere condolences on the loss of your father. I can see from his bio he was an quite a guy, and an outstanding parent and role model. My prayers to you and your family.

joseph bisceglia - April 06, 2022 at 11:23 AM

LP

“ Sending love and condolences to the entire Pezanoski family. My parents, Bill & Judy Penn, chose "Uncle Rich" to be my godfather when I was a baby. I am grateful for that connection to him. While it's been a few years since I've visited with Uncle Rich, I still have fond childhood memories of big family parties and picnics together. I remember Rich as a very kind, friendly and approachable man. One special memory I have is having dinner with Rich when he visited France when I was studying there in college. He took me to dinner and even brought me a bottle of his rhubarb whine! :) He also helped me reconnect with Geralyn, who was also studying in France, in another town, at the time. I'm grateful to have known him and want to share my sincere sympathies to his family and friends. - Laurie Penn-Moyer

Laurie Penn-Moyer - April 11, 2022 at 04:19 PM

MR

“ May you rest in peace Richard. We miss you here at St. Monica's. God bless you!

Marie Ruppert - April 11, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Pezanoski.



April 07, 2022 at 06:11 AM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Pezanoski.*



April 06, 2022 at 06:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Pezanoski.*



April 06, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Pezanoski.*



April 06, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Mr. Pezanoski was always so nice and so great to all of us kids. One of my favorite memories is when he would put all of us into that big Pontiac station wagon and we'd all go off to the drive-in movies. Such good times between our families. Sending condolences and love to the entire Pezanoski family from Dale Stalbaum and family.*

Dale Stalbaum - April 05, 2022 at 07:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Pezanoski.*



April 05, 2022 at 11:29 AM



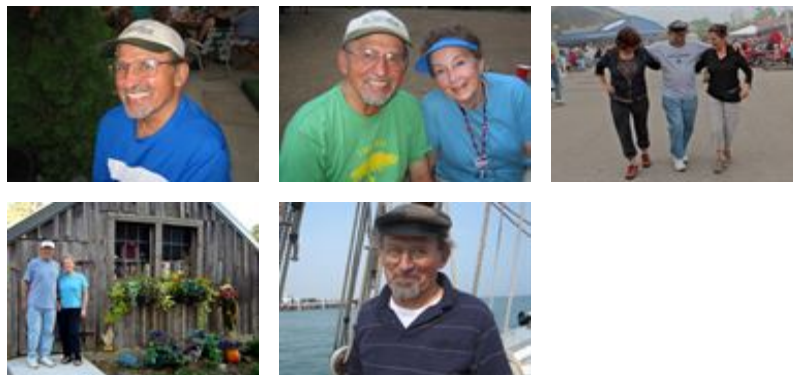
“ *Bret and BettyJo Barford purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard "Rich" Pezanoski.*



Bret and BettyJo Barford - April 04, 2022 at 04:40 PM



“ *33 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - April 04, 2022 at 02:52 PM



“ *PEZZ.....One of the good-guys.....rest in peace.....tom westrich J-T*

Tom Westrich - April 04, 2022 at 10:07 AM