



Gerard R. Richard

August 27, 1934 - May 10, 2024

FITCHBURG: Gerard R. Richard, 89, of Fitchburg, died Friday, May 10, 2024 at UMass Memorial Hospital, Worcester.

Jerry was born in Fitchburg, August 27, 1934, the son of Edward and Anna (LeBlanc) Richard. He was a lifelong resident of Fitchburg. He attended Fitchburg High School and later earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from Fitchburg State University.

Jerry served in the U.S. Army in Texas at the end of the Korean War.

For 35 years he engaged generations of students as a committed history and social science teacher at Lunenburg High School, where he also coached cross country as well as other sports over the years. In retirement, he remained an educator at heart and always a loving and attentive friend.

In earlier days, he was a gifted athlete and later a passionate and outspoken fan of all Boston professional teams, although he was always partial to the Boston Red Sox. He loved his wife Shirley and his two sons with all his heart. He would cherish visits from his kids, grandkids, relatives and friends but especially the little ones. Jerry loved playing games from Pichenotte to Uno and telling stories about his life. He enjoyed visiting his late brother Walter's farm in Plainfield and his son, Gerard's, home in York, Maine.

Jerry is survived by a son Gerard E. Richard and his partner David J. Chavolla; three grandchildren, John Richard, Constance Richard Bradford and Kathryn Richard Coporale; and seven great grandchildren, Jack and Elise Richard; Mara, Isla and William Bradford, and Ana and Maisley Coporale. He was grateful to his caregivers, Jennifer, Diana and Debbie for their care and many acts of kindness through the years. He also leaves his two cats Teka and Tabitha who provided him great comfort at home.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 56 years, Shirley (Leger) Richard and dear son, Gary E. Richard. He was also the brother of the late Rudolph Richard, Walter Richard, Eileen Richard, Sarah Sandrowski, Anita Pouliot and Therese Guazzo.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Friday May 17th at St. Joseph's Church, 49 Woodland Street, Fitchburg.

A visitation period will be held Friday, May 17th from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM at Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg. www.andersonfuneral.com

Memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Richard's name to the Pat Brody Shelter for Cats, Lunenburg, MA 01462.

Cemetery Details

Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery

111 Glenallen Street
Winchendon, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hour

MAY 17. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM.

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home
316 Clarendon St
Fitchburg, MA

Funeral Mass

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
46 Woodland Street
FITCHBURG, MA 01420

Tribute Wall

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“ John, Connie, Kat and family, although we never had the chance to meet him your grandfather he sounds like he was an amazing man. Our deepest condolences to you all. Love, Cindy & Paul

Cindy Bissonette - May 17, 2024 at 06:42 PM

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“ Casner & Edwards, LLP planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerard R. Richard.

Casner & Edwards, LLP - May 15, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gerard R. Richard.



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“ I have so many wonderful memories of our families going to the farm in the summer and visiting your home. My mom and dad loved your parents. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you. Meg Chalifoux Dankese

Meg Chalifoux Dankese - May 14, 2024 at 08:24 PM