



Gerard J. Richard

March 6, 1928 - January 9, 2023

FITCHBURG: Gerard J. Richard, 94, a longtime Fitchburg resident, died peacefully Monday evening, January 9, 2023, in a Houston hospital with family at his side.

Jerry, as he was known to friends and family, was born in Fitchburg on March 6, 1928, to Joseph and Yvonne (St. Laurent) Richard. He had seven siblings, a big brother who saved his life twice, and six sisters who no doubt kept him in line!

Jerry joined the Armed Forces during the Korean Conflict. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. He often shared stories of his time in Nevada during the testing of the atomic bombs, and of his adventures in Las Vegas while on leave.

For 28 years Jerry worked as a winder at James River Paper Company before retiring in 1987. Previously, he had worked at Weyerhaeuser Paper Company as well as the Crocker Paper Company.

Jerry was outgoing and gregarious, loved spending time with family and friends, was always ready with a joke or funny story, and truly never met a stranger. He had a passion for golf and enjoyed the game and the camaraderie with his golfing buddies. He liked to fish, play poker, enjoy a

good meal or a sweet treat, and listen and dance to the sounds of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, and Artie Shaw. He was also an avid Bruins and Red Sox fan.

Jerry moved to Houston, Texas in June of 2022. He loved the hot Texas summer, seeing the sights of Houston and neighboring towns, and spending quality time with his Texas family.

Jerry is preceded in death by his loving wife Dorothy (Heeley) Richard, his parents, his son-in-law Douglas A. Swett, and his siblings Evelyn Doucette, Pauline Fusco, Rita Provencher, Lucille Reilly, and Louise Richard. He is survived by his second wife, Forrestine (Morris) Brissette Richard; and his children Carol Ciccolini and husband John, Thomas Richard and wife Rhonda, Michael Richard and wife Susan, Susan Leger and husband Raymond, and Patricia Swett. He also leaves behind siblings Phillip Richard and Yvette Damien, several grandchildren and great grandchildren who adored their Pèpère, and many nieces and nephews. He will forever be in their hearts and his warm smile and fun-loving personality will be dearly missed every day.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 1400 Main Street, Leominster. Interment will be in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Mr. Richard's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours Wednesday from 9:30 -10:30 AM at the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg. For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association online at <https://www.alz.org/>.

Cemetery Details

St Bernard's Cemetery

96 Goodrich St
Fitchburg, MA 01420
(978) 342-4820

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JAN 18. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home - Fitchburg
316 Clarendon Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420
(978) 343-4407

Funeral Mass

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Lake Church
1400 MainSt.
Leominster, MA 01453

Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences to my cousins. Uncle Jerry's smiling face and easy laugh will be greatly missed. Love, Debbie Reilly*



Debbie - January 17, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerard J. Richard.*



January 16, 2023 at 02:33 PM

MS

“ *Aunt Sis we are so very sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Always loved how you found each other after loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Maryann (Brissette) and Rick Smith, Grafton, NH*

Maryann Smith - January 14, 2023 at 08:06 PM

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“ Dear Jerry,
Thank you for being such a wonderful, loving and kind husband, dad, grandfather, great grandfather and friend to our mom and our family. You always had a joke, a story, and your love of life and laughter will be missed. It was our pleasure to have had you in our lives for the past 39 years and we will smile when we recall the many memories of vacations, holidays, shopping trips and visits. We love and miss you,
Sis, Lois & Linda

Linda M. Mello - January 13, 2023 at 08:16 PM

DP

Dear Jerry,
I so enjoyed meeting up with you and Aunt Sis when I would be doing the grocery shopping for my brother Dennis on my weekly visits to Fitchburg. You were always so friendly and willing to give hugs & kisses! Rest in peace!

Donna (Visco) Przybyszewski

Donna Przybyszewski - January 15, 2023 at 12:18 PM