



## Richard J. Garibotto

August 2, 1931 - April 29, 2019

TOWNSEND: Richard J. Garibotto, 87, a longtime resident of Townsend and a retired science teacher at Burlington High School passed away April 29, 2019 after a lengthy illness. He was born in Somerville August 2, 1931 a son of Amadeo and Mary (Carbone) Garibotto.

After graduating from Burlington High School in 1949, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester 1953.

In 1954 and 1955 he served his country in the United States Army stationed in South Korea as Training Information and Education NCO of Infantry Battalion followed by six months in Special Services entertaining troops in a singing quartet.

In 1960 he received his Masters Degree in Education at Tufts University. He also attended Boston University, Lowell University, Framingham State College and Salem State College for additional education credits.

Mr. Garibotto enjoyed teaching and would not hesitate to pass a student as long as they tried to do their best. He coached football and basketball at Burlington High School from 1956-1964 and was a teacher in the science department for thirty nine years. He was inducted into the Burlington High School Hall of Fame on October 10, 2000.

Dick had a passion for painting. Upon retirement in 1991 he was active as an artist with oil and watercolor paintings and murals. Also, he was an enthusiastic golfer and an avid music lover. Many times after rising in the

morning he would be singing popular tunes of the day or late afternoons, up in his loft, would listen to discs of his favorite artists whether it be pop or classical.

He liked all people and at functions and family gatherings would make the rounds like a social butterfly. He gave a lot of attention to his grandchildren and enjoyed fun times playing games, drawing and art lessons with them and sometimes they would get a chuckle or two out of his corny jokes.

Dick was a devoted husband for 63 years to his wife Rosemae C. (Michaud) Garibotto. He was a loving caring father to Michele Oppenhimer, Susan Garibotto, Lori Garibotto, and Lisa Craven her husband, Jimmy, and Carol Galvin and her husband, Ed. He also leaves nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He was predeceased by his brother, William Garibotto of Burlington.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10AM Saturday, May 4, 2019, at St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend. Burial will be in Pine Ridge Cemetery, Chelmsford.

Calling hours are 4-7 PM Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, (Rte. 119) Townsend Center. Please see [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com) for additional information or to leave an online condolence.

# Cemetery Details

## Pine Ridge Cemetery

Chelmsford, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend  
250 Main Street ~ Route 119  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2692

## Funeral Mass

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Church  
1 School St  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2291

# Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was a great man. He is your angel now!  
Thinking of you and the old Chatham Road gang.

*Gaye Irish*

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**Gaye Irish** - May 03, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White* was purchased for the family of Richard J. Garibotto.



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May 02, 2019 at 04:02 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Richard J. Garibotto.



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May 02, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes* was purchased for the family of Richard J. Garibotto.



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May 02, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Richard J. Garibotto.*



May 01, 2019 at 11:14 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard J. Garibotto.*



May 01, 2019 at 09:27 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Richard J. Garibotto.*

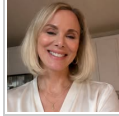


May 01, 2019 at 11:42 AM



“ *I will miss my godfather dearly. He always treated me like I was one of his daughters. I will miss his smile, his jokes, and the way he always made me feel special. God bless the Garibotto family during this very difficult time.*

**Cynthia Morse** - May 01, 2019 at 11:33 AM



*Thanks so much Cynthia...your words are touching*

**Michele Oppenhimer** - May 01, 2019 at 02:47 PM

RB

*I have so many wonderful memories of Mr. and Mrs. Garibotto and their wonderful girls. He was one of the kindest and gentlest men I have ever known. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you lost a real treasure. Robi Crudale Blute*

**Robi Blute** - May 06, 2019 at 09:24 PM



“ *Dad loved to sing in the morning. As a little girl, especially at Chestnut Hill, I remember waking up to his soothing voice singing Frank Sinatra songs. Always a great way to start the day!*

*....Michele*

**Michele Oppenhimer** - May 01, 2019 at 10:48 AM

CG

*Dad and I would wake up at the crack of dawn Saturday mornings and rush to the Westford fleamarket we'd always be looking for big little books or first edition comic books. I really enjoyed that time with him.*

**Carol Galvin** - May 01, 2019 at 09:25 PM

RS

*Both of my children and I have wonderful memories of Dick .our deepest condolences and love to the family*

**Randy Siciliano** - May 02, 2019 at 11:50 AM

JB

*Sorry Michele about your Dad. he love you very much. he and your Mom where always very hospitable to me and treated me like family! I will never forget that..John Batchelder*

**John BATCHELDER** - February 08, 2023 at 02:00 PM