



Richard William Royal

January 16, 1943 - March 5, 2025

Richard W. Royal of 120 Northern Pines Road, Gansevoort, NY, passed away on March 5, 2025 at the age of 82.

He was born in Hollis, Queens, NY on January 16, 1943, a son of Franklin and Ruth Kitt Royal. He was raised in Huntington, Long Island with his three brothers. In 1959, the family moved to Mayfield, NY where Richard graduated with the class of 1961 then joined the National Guard. In 1963, he married Barbara Peasley, had three daughters, and worked for General Telephone as a Lineman and Supervisor of Installations for 19 years. Later, he would work as a John Hancock Sales Representative and Information Systems Technician at Quad/Graphics, and lastly a driver/guard for Loomis Armored US.

In the Bicentennial year of 1976, Richard planned an epic five-week cross country family vacation passing through 22 states. Along the way, many points of interest were visited including Disney World, Carlsbad Caverns, Las Vegas, Hoover Dam, Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Gateway Arch, and many historical sights. The trip of a lifetime filled with adventure and wonderful memories.

Later in life, he took many road trips through Vermont to enjoy the fall foliage and visit old country stores, quaint eateries, and antique shops. He loved all animals but had a soft spot for dogs. His last dog, Dolly, was a great companion and gave him many years of love and friendship. Richard's love for animals was passed on to his three daughters who are forever grateful for this gift.

Richard was a hardworking, dedicated man who loved his family, helped his friends and neighbors, donated to numerous charities, and lived his life the ROYAL way. He smoked a pipe, never turned down a cold beer, and loved a NY style pizza.

In addition to his parents, Richard is predeceased by his brother, Franklin. Survivors include his wife, Rosa Wasyliv Royal whom he married in 2009; three daughters, Cathleen Royal and Jennifer Royal, both of Northville and Melissa (Murray) Tynan of Ballston Spa; Mother of his children, Barbara Rockwell of Northville; two brothers, Ronald (Ronni) Royal of Wells, Guy Royal of Johnstown; and several nieces and nephews.

Richard will be greatly missed. In accordance with his wishes a family gathering will be held privately. Arrangements are by Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., Johnstown, NY.

Tribute Wall

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“ Missy, Jenn, Cat.... So very sorry for your loss... have known your dad forever, at least it seems that way.... good friend, funny, dependable, but haven't seen him in years.... it's hard moving away and losing touch.... take care of each other.. Cherie

Cherie Crow - April 13, 2025 at 02:06 PM

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“ Cathy, Missy and Jen, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. It's such a difficult thing to endure. My thoughts are with you all

Denise Reid - March 31, 2025 at 08:00 PM

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“ I was sadden to learn of Rich's passing. We have been friends for years and years... I first met Rich when he was an I&R repairman and I was a dispatcher at the phone company. Always numerous, always funny, a loved a cold beer... "Nectar" he would say after the first sip. He was always so proud of his family, and the girls were his shining stars. I remember him planning the cross country trip and how important that was to him. Over the years we became good friends, and although I havent seen him in awhile, I kept tabs on him through Missy and Jen.... He was a great guy, a wonderful father and a best friend to many. Love ya Buddy, see you on the other side. My condolences to Cath, Mlissy and Jen, Ron/Ronnie and the rest of the family. Hugs and love - Jane Valik

Jane E Valik - March 28, 2025 at 06:50 PM