



Richard Anthony Janicki

July 19, 1929 - December 7, 2018

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On Friday December 7, 2018 Richard "Dick" A. Janicki passed away peacefully in Toledo at home surrounded by loving family.

Richard was born the last of six children (Tony, Florence, Walter "PG", Virginia and Helen) to Agnes (Ledzienowski) and Anthony Janicki, polish immigrants and proprietors of the "A. Janicki Grocer's" on Detroit and Vance St. serving the Kusvanz community.

Richard attended St. Anthony Elementary School, Libbey High School and University of Toledo College of Engineering. He served two years in the Army and was a Korean War Veteran. He met the love of his life, Evelyn (Magdus) Janicki, and during their sixty years together had three children Julie, Rick and John.

He began his construction company "Janicki and Sons" long before the birth of his sons. During its' over fifty year tenure the name evolved to "Able Concrete and Builders" and continues to be operated by his son John.

Building, family and friends were Richard's passions. "I've never worked a day in my life," he often said because he enjoyed every aspect of business and building.

Not only did he construct numerous commercial buildings, he also built several family homes including the "cottage" in MI and "Up North", a Clam River cabin where he had campfires, hunting, great steaks and endless card games with family.

He was the most gregarious man, he was always ready with a joke. His many passions included golf, a member at the Highland Meadows Golf Club for 34 years; Brandywine Golf club member for 3 years, A Charter Member of the Toledo Ski Club helping to build the lodge; Elks Card Group Thursdays; Breakfast Club since 1976; Monday night Meeting too many years to count; Member of Toastmasters International, Shriners and Masons for years, an avid Bowler at the Glass Bowl and University Lanes for 30 years; travelled to Europe for skiing and Hawaii with many golf trips in between.

He is preceded in death by his wife Evelyn (Magdus) Janicki and son Rick Janicki. He is survived by daughter, Julie Vess, son John (Kim); nieces Susan Delbert, Diane Gilligan, Marcia Janicki and Chris Amborski; nephews Tony Delbert and best friend Frank Justen; grandchildren, Johnny (Ashley), Ryan (Nicole), Jessica (Mike) Vaculik, Ricklee (Paxton), Danielle (Charle) Hymore, Jason "Moe" and Alexandra Vess, great grandchildren Brianna,

Brennan, Tyler, Mason, Alyssa, Reagan, Ashlyn and a grandson on the way. Visitation will be at the Coyle Funeral Home 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. Toledo, Tuesday December 11, 2018 from 2 to 8 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 7. The funeral will begin at Coyle at 9:30, followed by the Funeral Mass Wednesday, December 12, at 10 a.m., St Joan of Arc Church 5856 Heatherdowns Boulevard with a luncheon to follow. The final resting place Ottawa Hills Memorial Park 4210 Central Ave. Toledo, Ohio will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers send memorial donations to the Shriners Childrens' Hospital or the American Cancer Society. Please leave a condolence message and view Richard's Memorial Video Tribute at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery

Ottawa Hills Memorial Park
4210 W Central Ave
Toledo, OH, 43606

Events

DEC 11 Visitation 02:00PM - 08:00PM
Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH, US, 43614

DEC 12 Funeral 10:00AM - 11:00AM
St Joan Of Arc
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo, OH, US

Comments



“ We enjoyed doing business with you and appreciate every kindness you showed us. May your soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Jim Moriarty Sr.
Howard T Moriarty Co.
143 Broadway
Toledo 43604

Jim Moriarty Sr - December 11, 2018 at 05:29 PM



“ So sorry to hear of grandpa's death. Just meeting him once was a treasure. May he rest in peace.

Karen Rizzo - December 11, 2018 at 07:36 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Kim, John and family. I just got back from out of town and just saw this. May God give you comfort and peace. Love Patti & Joe

Pat Halicek - December 13, 2018 at 01:52 AM



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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - December 11, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ What an awesome videotape

Karen Rizzo - December 11, 2018 at 07:49 PM



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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - December 11, 2018 at 09:24 AM



“ I remember Dick from our old neighborhood back in the 50's. Reconnected at Highland Meadows many years later. He always had a smile on his face and a warm welcome for all he encountered at the club. Of course, it may have been that he had won another bet on the round. Our condolences to the Janicki family. Joyce and Tom Bettinger

Joyce Bettinger - December 10, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ My name is Jim Oler, and I have a story worth telling about Dick. I meant his son Rick on a jobsite, and after the development of a great friendship, he said: “My Dad is a builder and he’s always looking for a plumber”. He paused and said, “never mind, he’d eat you alive.” Fast forward two years to a Saturday morning at a plumbing supply house where I was witnessing a non-plumber ordering material that exceeded even many licensed plumbers’ expertise. From a distance his charm and tenacity towards his task drew me in and I approached him and offered a business card in case he needed help. He quickly pulled me in his aurora of “man-eating” love by changing my name from my stated Jim to Jimmy. He took me up on my offer immediately by asking me to pressure test his work at the end of the day when he was done. Later that day I meant him at his jobsite and was underpaid with an apology and promise of him making it up to me. A promise that he himself had no idea how far he would surpass.

Many too early in the morning phone calls later for other projects: I come to meet the rest his crew. I discovered that it was a family business where their combined strengths supported each other’s need for personal growth and dreams. A pat on the back or a kick in the butt was available for who ever was in need. Never an ill word was spoken towards one another, and I too started getting my loving corrections. Without knowing I became part of a family.

Hard times befell me due to ignorance and unbridled strength, and the Lord led Dick my way again with an invitation to the Clam River Mansion Up-North. Of coarse his business heart had projects lined up for me, but at the gin game he realized how much more he could be for me. Fatherless for most of my life: I found in a moment of “raking the trap” a father. Easy enough for someone in my shoes to accept; but, I watched a man of love for family meet his end of the divine moment with respect for his blood while not letting my “water” do any damage. In retrospect I can discern that this crew of his had their Chief in position for such moments.

It has been 15 years since I have stood face to face with Dick, and a requested conversation went unanswered on my part; but, Dick had knowledge and he says goodbye to me through his crew, his legacy. Long live the spirit of Dick Janicki through his family. They are able, they are foundational like concrete, and they are builders of men. No, Dick “never worked a day in his life,” he was just delivering what was needed – love, one way or another.

Jim Oler - December 09, 2018 at 06:34 PM



“ The Janicki family
“Like concrete “
I love that thank you
(Rick Janicki’s daughter)

Jessica Vaculik - December 09, 2018 at 09:38 PM



“ The fondest of memories; Sixty years of family, friendship, good humor, and celebration of life in your very special way will be cherished and missed infinitum.

Rest In Peace Uncle Dick, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Marcia & Bob

marcia janicki - December 09, 2018 at 10:54 AM



“ We are saddened to hear of Dick’s passing. Memories of the times we shared with him will be treasured. His warmth and easy smile will be sorely missed. May God rest his soul and comfort all who loved him.

Joe and Mary Pierce - December 09, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ David Westmark lit a candle in memory of Richard Anthony Janicki



David Westmark - December 09, 2018 at 10:07 AM