



Richard A. Kale

January 6, 1936 - January 17, 2026

Richard Allen Kale of Myerstown, PA, passed away Saturday evening on January 17, 2026. He was 90 years old.

Born in Avon Heights, Lebanon, he was the son of the late Cyrus William Kale and Sarah Evans Steele. Richard grew up around the Lebanon County area. As a child, he enjoyed camping, baseball, swimming and hanging out with his best friend Robert Matthew of Lebanon. When he was 17, Richard wanted to join the Air Force and completed his high school education while serving. He served from 1953 to 1973. He worked in the U.S. Air Force Security Service (USAFSS), a secretive Cold War-era intelligence unit that specialized in signals, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance agencies, focusing on electronic warfare and cyber operations. As Richard would put it, "We were actually spies, electronic spies." He has been to 30 different countries during his military career. Richard served in two wars, Korean and Vietnam, where he earned several medals. Two of these medals were The Distinguished Flying Cross and The Air Medal. Both were for extraordinary achievement while participating in Services.

During his military service, he married Mary W. Matthew of Lebanon on February 16, 1957. They would have been married 69 years this coming February. The family lived in Texas, Washington state, England, Alaska, and Arizona. His favorite place was Alaska, where he lived for nearly 35 years

before moving to Arizona and then back to his roots in Pennsylvania.

Richard was a good provider, husband and father. He taught his children to be honest, hardworking and to be responsible for their actions as well as their decisions. He really loved his grandchildren and loved hearing about his great grandchildren. He loved dogs, especially labradors.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter Cathy Ann wife of Harold Echols of Anchorage, AK, son Richard Allen Kale, Jr., and his wife Laurie of Olympia, WA, nine grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his six siblings: Sarah Jane Frantz, Catherine Mabel Checket, Mary Elizabeth Light, Cyrus William Kale, Howard Levi Kale and Edward Theodore Kale.

He will be buried at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery with military honors on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Tribute Wall

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“ Dick will be missed by all of us in the Allor family! He was a kind and caring man with a big heart. He and Mary visited my Father in the hospital just hours before he passed away. Im forever grateful. I will always remember his laugh .

Raymond Allor - January 24 at 05:40 PM

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I join the comments of my nephew, Raymond Allor. I served with Dick in the USAF Security Service. Among various places, we served together in Turkey and in Alaska. We also worked together in Alaska after we had both retired from the military. Dick was a good friend and a person who could always be depended on; both in the military and in civilian life. He will be missed by those of us who were his comrades and he is in my prayers.

May he rest in peace. SMSgt Raymond W Allor

SMSGT RAYMOND W ALLOR - January 24 at 07:46 PM