



Richard Marvin Kesterke, Jr.

April 23, 1946 - May 4, 2022

Richard was 76 when he passed away peacefully at UPMC Cole Medical Center, Coudersport, PA surrounded by his loving family. Born to Richard Marvin Kesterke, Sr. & Dorothy Hammond Kesterke, later raised by Harry N. Friends & Dorothy H. Kesterke Friends, all pre-deceased.

He leaves behind his two children, Richard M Kesterke, III (wife-Joy) of Lawrenceville, PA a daughter Lisa M Kesterke Bates (husband-Wayne) of Lebanon, PA.

Grandchildren, Brandon Bates of Schuylkill Haven, PA (currently deployed), Amanda Bates, Lebanon, PA & Alyse Mitchell of Miami, FL

Siblings, Leah Friends Miller (husband – Chris) of Naples, NY, Candace Friends Foley (husband – Pat) of Millerton, PA, Terri Friends Kramer (husband – Bob) of Irmo, SC & Sherri Friends Foster (husband – Chuck) of Watsontown, PA.

Several nieces & nephews & also great nieces & nephews whom he also loved dearly.

Ex-wife, mother of his children & loving friend Jeannette K. Henninger Kesterke of Lawrenceville, PA.

His sister, Suzanne Kesterke Peters (husband – Donnie) of Apollo Beach, FL passed away one day after Richard on May 5, 2022.

Richard was a loving son, brother, father, grandfather & friend. His love for his children & grandchildren could never be denied. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force & had a career for many years as an Air Traffic

Controller at Chemung County Airport in NY. He then became a Computer Aided Engineer & worked for both Hardinge & Hilliard Corp of NY. He was also a longtime member of the Masons which he was proud to be a part of. After retirement he moved to Panama for a few years & returned to the states & lived in Apollo Beach, FL. He enjoyed the outdoors, the mountains, the beach, the lakes & his lifelong hobbies included, golf, swimming, hunting, camping, dancing & socializing with friends & family. He was a jack of all trades to his family & friends, mechanic, carpenter, baseball coach, outdoorsman & he always had a passion for guns, an NRA member & had a gun shop in the family home. He loved planes, trains & cars, especially antique. He was very passionate about politics & life experiences & loved to share his stories & views.

He was a very smart, witty, funny & loving man to all who knew him & we will miss him dearly.

Graveside Services with Military Honors will be held at 10:30AM on Friday, May 27th, at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville. A procession will be forming at 9:30AM on Friday at Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 618 E. Main St. Annville, PA 17003.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 27. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I have a lot of great memories of my cousin Dick, he would babysit my brother and myself for mom and dad. He rocked me in my little rocker until It fall backwards and I hit my head on the floor. Four stitches later my parents still let dickie babysit us. I remember the day he shot himself in the foot while climbing over a farmers fence and I remember the “pop” bottles in the truck of his car that overheated and blowup into his face! I remember his artwork in high school and I thought it was great. I will miss my cousin until we meet again.

Scott Cowan - May 22, 2022 at 11:19 PM

JC

“ Dick and Sue have been family friends for over 60 years. Our hearts are breaking but now they are no longer suffering and an rest in peace. Our condolences to the family

John and Dawn Carleton

john carleton - May 07, 2022 at 08:35 PM

MC

“ Dick was a member of Tioga Masonic Lodge 373 for many years and enjoyed the time there. He was an active member when he was in the area. I always enjoyed being with Dick, we had many great conversations. I have many pleasant memories of our time together. A wonderful family.

Marwin Cummings - May 05, 2022 at 11:22 PM