



Richard W. Forrestal

February 29, 1924 - December 6, 2020

Richard W. Forrestal was born in Waukegan on February 29, 1924 and passed away peacefully of natural causes on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at the age of 96 at his home in Aurora, IL surrounded by family.

After graduating from East Aurora High School, he proudly served in the U.S. Army as an US Army Communication Specialist. He had the special honor of being on duty when he received the message that the Japanese had surrendered and he passed the message onto Washington, DC via Morse Code. After 40 years at ComEd, Richard retired and looked forward to his annual trips to Hayward, WI to go musky fishing, which he had done since the 1950's. He and Wanda spent most of their evenings socializing over drinks and dinner all over the Aurora area. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, positive outlook on life and genuine kindness.

He is survived by his wife Wanda, Granddaughter Tracy (Ed) Oliva of Arizona, Grandson's Todd (Karma) Forrestal of Batavia, Jason (Sandra) Forrestal of Austria, Patrick Keller of Aurora, & Mike (Denise) Keller of Ireland. Niece Leanne (Chuck) Kroen and Kerri. Great Grandchildren Jayden Forrestal, Phillip & Josephine Heidkamp and Eamon Keller, Amanda, Eric & Brandon Otten. He is also survived by his extended family from his marriage to Wanda: Daughter Lisa Hahn of Yorkville. Son, Barry (Susan) Kimes of Yorkville and grandchildren Kristen (Andy) Langston, Kimberly Jones, Keri Phillipp, Jeremy (Laura) Hahn, Robert (Kendra) Hahn & Craig (Nikki) Hahn and many great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his first wife Bette Shufelt, Son Richard Forrestal, Daughter-in-law Carol (Boitor) Forrestal, Daughter Linda Keller, Son-in-law Ed Keller, his Sister Ruth Baker, & Step-son David Kimes.

Memorial service will be held at a future date.

Arrangements are being handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY 220 North Lake Street Aurora, Illinois 60506. (630) 631-5500

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“ Wanda, I'm so sorry to read about Dick's passing today, Dec. 18, 2020. As you know, he was a great guy from the greatest generation. He had a positive attitude and a wonderfully warm sense of humor about life and people. He loved to brag that he only had a birthday every 4 years (Leap Day), and "The first hundred years are the hardest!" He was a true patriot and he served his country well. He was a hero. Wanda, you and your families are in my prayers and I will be in touch. With deepest sympathy and Love, your friend and former neighbor, Leah Anderson Bond

December 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences. It was an honor to have known Dick. We lost a true hero. Michael Dorazio, Fireside Grille 🇺🇸

December 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Dick, you will always be the finest man I have ever known. Even as a little girl I idolized you. The unconditional love you showed your family and your funny sense of humor is what I will remember and miss the most. I am so glad that my daughter got to experience what a hoot you were. She will treasure those funny times forever. I always thought you would live forever but instead you will live forever in our hearts.....Love always, your niece Leanne

December 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ We are saddened to hear of the passing of Dick last week. He was always cheerful and had a kind word. We will miss him dearly and pray for the family to find peace in their fond memories. Sincerely,
Neighbors Lee and Linda Jones

December 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Had the pleasure of working with Mr Forrestall and his son Dick at ComEd, was a hard working and honest man. My he be a peace with the Lord

December 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ We miss you Super G. ❤️❤️❤️ You were the best Grandpa. We have so many great memories. RIP
Love your grand daughter Tracy

December 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM