



Richard Lynch

November 19, 1933 - June 1, 2020

Mr. Richard Lynch, age 86, passed away on Monday, June 1, 2020, at the Masonic Care Community of NY with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on November 19, 1933, Richard was the son of Walter and Margaret (Leffort) Lynch. He was the twelfth of fifteen children. Richard is a drafted US Army veteran who was stationed at Camp Atterbury in Edinburg, Indiana during the Korean War from 1954-1955.

On September 19, 1959, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Mary Goodfellow at St. Lucy's Church, Syracuse. They celebrated 60 years of marriage in September of 2019.

Richard proudly served the City of Utica as a firefighter for 20 years before retiring from duty in September of 1978. When he was not on a 24-hour shift at the firehouse, Richard, along with his wife Mary, owned and operated an extremely successful car detailing business from 1964 to 2007, a business that Richard had in the making since the early age of 14. After retiring from the fire department, he dedicated six days a week to detailing cars. You would find the lights on and Richard working his craft at their Sunset Avenue garage as early as 4:00 in the morning, with a line of cars set in place by Mary who ran the administrative side of the business. Working from their South Utica property allowed Richard to be close to those that meant the most to him, his wife and children. He was a hard-working, devoted family man who put the needs of his family ahead of his own. A generous and giving man, Richard's community service included a 1960s stint as Quartermaster of the Magnificent Yankees Drum & Bugle Corp and during the 1980s coaching the Notre Dame High School boys JV basketball and baseball teams to which he donated team uniforms and drove the team bus.

His passion for automobiles began early in life and was like none other. When he was not detailing cars, he spent countless hours perusing the car lots, usually with one or more of his kids in tow who also shared his passion. There wasn't a vehicle that didn't catch his eye and many would cycle through the rotating fleet he owned that filled the family driveway. Richard enjoyed music, a good political head-to-head, and was an avid NY Mets, NY Giants, and Syracuse Orangeman fan.

Richard was a devout Roman Catholic and practiced his faith at Our Lady of Lourdes

Church.

Richard was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who took immense pride in the personal and professional accomplishment of his family. Surviving are his wife, Mary; six children, Kelly Terrien of Manhattan, NY, Shari (Tom) Craig of Chesapeake, VA, Lori (Steven) Dowe of Manhattan, NY, Kimberly (Joseph) Roberts of Inverness, FL, Jeffrey (Kim) of Utica, NY and Pamela (Gordon) Heeps of Loudonville, NY and his nine grandchildren who adoringly knew him as “Poppy” include, Brandon Terrien, Heather and Ashley Craig, Alexander and Nicholas Dowe, Kayla (Moses) Abreu, Kayla and Jeffrey Lynch, Harrison Heeps and great-granddaughter Giselle Abreu. Also surviving are brothers, William and Norman and sisters, Carol and Alice. He is preceded by brothers, John, Robert, Ronald, Thomas, Walter and sisters, Blanche, Doris, Eleanor, Helen and Virginia.

As a final goodbye to his family and in the words of “Poppy”, “hang it on the wall” “let’s sit and watch the world go by” and “I love you, my Buckaroo.”

The family would like to express their gratitude to the entire staff of the Masonic Care Community for the care and compassion shown to Richard during his stay.

In keeping with federal and state regulations, the family will honor Richard’s life privately.

Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations can be directed to the American Red Cross at www.redcross.org, an organization that Richard held dear to his heart and supported throughout his life by donating a pint of blood every 56 days, ultimately giving 31 gallons during his lifetime. Consider honoring Richard by donating a pint of blood to save up to three lives. Please take a moment to connect with the family through the “Memories” section of his obituary on the funeral home website www.mmknfd.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to McGrath, Myslinski, Karboski & Nunn Funeral Directors, Utica. Richard will be laid to rest at Assumption Cemetery in Syracuse, NY.

Comments



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Lynch.



June 05 at 11:07 AM



“ Dear Mary and family: So very sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He was a wonderful man. Always listening and giving advice to everyone. Have many fond memories of him with Magnificent Yankees Drum Corps and at Adrean Terrace. He was always there if you needed him. He always took pride in his endeavors. It was a pleasure to know Dick and Mary both. I have great memories that I will treasure always. God bless and my prayers are with you. RIP
Vicky Vilardi David

Vicky Vilardi David - June 04 at 11:22 PM



“ Sending hugs and love to all that knew and loved him. His memory will be forever in my heart. I have many good childhood memories spending time with Aunt Mary and Uncle Dick and my cousins..Uncle Dick was so awesome at making you laugh.. May he now Rest In Peace..
Much Love Always,
Colette Eileen Lynch

Colette - June 04 at 06:27 PM



“ Dear Mary and family,

So very sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He kept our cars shining for years. His warmth and quick wit always brightened my day.
Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote: "The purpose of life.....is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you lived and lived well."
Thanks for making a difference, Dick. RIP

With sympathy,
Terry Bryla



“ To Lori and family,

We are so very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Sending our condolences and prayers to you all during this difficult time. May he RIP.

Christine Kuhn and family

Christine Bowes Kuhn - June 04 at 03:48 PM



“ Jeff, Kim and family so very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all at the difficult time. Let the happy memories give you peace.
Pat, Gina, Patrick and Gino xoxoxo



Gina Zegarelli Corridori - June 04 at 01:47 PM



“ Jeff and Kim
So sorry for your loss
Vicki and Vic Castronovo

Vicki and Vic Castronovo - June 03 at 09:52 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Kim. May the Lord grant you peace in the wonderful memories your Dad left you.
Love,
Bill and Nannette

Bill Britt - June 03 at 09:31 PM



“ Remembering a very kind, gentle and loving man. Always enjoyed seeing Dick and Mary and talking with them as we dropped off and picked up our cars for detailing. Dick and Mary were very special friends through the years. Our sympathy to Mary and family. You are in our prayers.

Joe and Patti Fariello - June 03 at 09:07 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Lynch.



June 03 at 05:34 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Lynch.



June 03 at 05:04 PM



“ To Dick's family: I am so saddened to hear of Dick's passing. I worked with him at UFD. He was a true gentleman and would help anyone at a moments notice. He was surely a family man and always talked about them. My deepest sympathy to you all and my prayers and thoughts are with you. RIP

Jim Mauthe

Jim Mauthe - June 03 at 12:14 PM



“ Prayers of peace and comfort for you all.

April Roberts - June 03 at 10:05 AM



“ Dear Mary and children, I want to express my sincere sympathy in the loss of Dick. There have been so many years you built memories together. Now those memories will remain with you always and bring you all the peace he would wish for you. When the person you love is gone, hold on to their memories and know that they will always with you, Wishing I was there to hug you. I will save the hug for when we meet again.. Wendy and family.

Wendy Bowers - June 03 at 08:07 AM



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Wendy Bowers - June 03 at 08:01 AM



“ Dear Mary and family.....What can I say , but that I'm so sorry for your pain and loss at this time...I remember many years of times shared....way back to Adrean Terrace when Eddie and I visited, Sunset Ave. Magnicent Yankees shows.....You're all in my prayers..Fondly, Linda Washburn

Linda Washburn - June 03 at 07:39 AM



“ Mrs Lynch, Lori and Steve
My sincere condolences on the passing of Mr Lynch. He was a true gentleman in every sense of the word! He devout in his dedication to Notre Dame HS, specifically its sports program, giving of his time in any capacity , via coaching, driving the bus, even assisting me with my “managerial” duties on the basketball team , in the early 80's..... May he Rest In Peace !
Tommy Giruzzi

Tom Giruzzi - June 03 at 05:19 AM



“ Jeff and Kim,

I am so very sorry to hear about your dad Jeff. He used to clean my car years ago and it always looked great. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Nancy Edwards

nancy edwards - June 02 at 10:52 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Lynch.



June 02 at 10:34 PM



“ So sad to hear Dick is gone. Prayers with Mary and the entire family. Please let me know if I can do anything.

Rochelle Welch - June 02 at 06:41 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Mr. Lynch passing. He will be missed. He was well respected by the Nussia's. God Bless

Pete Nussia - June 02 at 07:05 PM



“ Dear Mary and family: I am so sorry for your loss. I have many great memories of Dick from our time at station 7. His positive attitude and friendly nature influenced everyone on the shift. He was well respected by all. He was one of the good ones.

Michael Elefante

Michael Elefante - June 04 at 02:33 AM



“ Prayers for your family.

James - June 05 at 04:45 AM