



Richard E. Loranger

September 28, 1933 - January 16, 2017

LORANGER, RICHARD E. “DICK” – 83, of Cape May, NJ, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 16, 2017 in the comfort of his home with his family at his side. Born in Darby, PA, Dick lived in Aldan, PA and graduated from Lansdowne HS (1951); later graduated from the Pennsylvania Military College (1960) where he earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Economics. A man of honor, he served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked for Unisys (formerly Burroughs Corp.) for 27 years and retired as an International Human Resources Director. He has been a resident of Cape May for the past 30 years.

Dick was a devoted family man, giving his all for his wife and children, and taking great pride in them. Whether it was a sports event, grade school science fair, scholastic awards dinner, photo exhibition, or poetry reading, he was there to cheer them on. His support continued throughout the years – always being there for each of them.

During Dick’s business travels, he ventured to many places including South America, Australia and New Zealand, Hong Kong, England and Scotland. In his retirement years, he discovered cruising and along with his wife, Pat, and close friends cruised to many nice spots. He also enjoyed visiting his children as they moved around the country, in Brooklyn, San Francisco, San Diego, and Chicago.

While growing up, Dick played football in junior high and high school, and ran track, participating in the Penn Relays at Franklin Field. His athletic ability led him to coaching Pop Warner football, little league baseball, ice hockey, and basketball. His love of football started at a young age when his father, who worked on the communications systems at Franklin Field, took him to the press box each week to watch Penn and Eagles games. Everyone who knew Dick, knew his team was “Michigan”! This passion started after the family moved from Brookhaven, PA to Plymouth, MI in 1972. He loved the University of Michigan Wolverine football team and continued to do so the next forty five years. He was always seen walking in Cape May in his U of M sweatshirts and hats...

He was also a lifelong lover of jazz, catching the beat at an early age from his older sister's music background. As a young man, he played saxophone in a band that appeared on the Paul Whiteman TV Teen Club in Philadelphia, winning first prize for the evening. He found great joy and solace over the years in listening to be-bop, swing, big band, and 50's rock, both live and recorded, even into his final days. Along with everything else, he was a man with a heart made of jazz.

Dick loved the beach and spent many days down the shore. During fifteen years in Michigan, he took his family every summer to vacation in New Jersey. Each July, he would pack up the family station wagon and drive twelve hours to Wildwood Crest. It was no coincidence that Dick's final years were spent in Cape May walking the beachfront and enjoying the nice ocean breeze.

He is predeceased by his parents, Regis and Edna Loranger (nee Roberts) and his sister, Virginia Shermer. Dick is dearly missed by his loving family which includes his wife of 57 years, Pat (nee Leigh); four children, Richard Loranger, Geoffrey Loranger, Suzanne Bleck (Robert) and Leigh Loranger (Jeff Schroeter); two granddaughters, Kathryn and Emily Bleck; and his two sisters, Roberta Morrison and Carol Larkin. Relatives and friends will be received on Sunday (Jan. 22nd) from 11am to 12:30pm in the Spilker Funeral Home, 815 Washington St., Cape May, where funeral services will begin at 12:30pm. Interment will take place the following day, Monday (Jan. 23rd) at 1pm at Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Springfield, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to: Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, online at www.michaeljfox.org

Although this website offers many options to send flowers, PLEASE observe the request of the family to send a memorial contribution instead to: Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, online at www.michaeljfox.org

Cemetery

Events

Saints Peter & Paul Cemetery JAN

1600 Sproul Road
Springfield, PA, 19064

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Visitation

11:00AM - 12:30PM

Spilker Funeral Home

815 Washington Street, Cape May, NJ, US, 08204

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Service

12:30PM

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01:00PM

Saints Peter & Paul Cemetery

1600 Sproul Road, Springfield, PA, US, 19064

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Spilker Funeral Home - January 22, 2017 at 10:18 AM



“ Such a nice video and tribute. I enjoyed seeing all the pictures. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Love, Karen & Jim

Mannion - January 23, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ Pat and family, we finally sat down and watched the video you put together and truly enjoyed it. We will watch over and over and find joy seeing our old friend, Dick.....we miss you and love you. Bob and Mary Ann

Bob and Mary Ann Kane - January 24, 2017 at 07:03 PM



“ Mr. and Mrs. Loranger were the most gracious and kind hosts when their daughter Leigh was a member of the staff of the Art Kane Photo Workshops, in Cape May. We were always invited to their home, fed and given much attention by the Loranger family. Mr. Loranger was always keen on asking what we were doing that week, and which famous photographers were visiting. G-d bless his memory, always.

. - June 26, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ Patrick, Colleen, Sean And Gabe Madden lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Loranger



Patrick, Colleen, Sean and Gabe Madden - March 28, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ Pat, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband, Dick. I only met him a couple of times but I can see from the video that you had a very full life together. I loved seeing the photos of your mother and father. I remember them well.

Mari Bechtle

Mari Bechtle - January 24, 2017 at 10:59 PM



“ It is with tears and sadness that we send our dear friend, Dick, to walk the beaches of heaven where he will find peace and comfort there with his parents and sister. We have such great memories of cruises spent with Pat and Dick and friends, days at the cottage and hours spent at the beach and having so many laughs as we just spent time together. And those times mean even more to us now. Spending the last few days with your family, Pat, has brought much joy to us and we know so much more about Dick than ever before and we thank you all for that. Our prayers and thoughts will be for your strength and hope during the days ahead. And from now on, Michigan will be our 2nd favorite team of all. God bless the Loranger family. Bob and Mary Ann

Bob and Mary Ann Kane - January 24, 2017 at 07:04 PM



“ Pat and family: I was so sad to hear about Dick's passing. He was such a great person! He was such a good friend to my dad--just the best. I cherish the memories of summers at Wildwood Crest with the Lorangers. I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Lynn Mahoney Calder - January 22, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ Pat and Family,
Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

Sharon and Terry Boozer

Sharon and Terry Boozer - January 22, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard E. Loranger.



January 21, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ 101 files added to the album LifeTributes



Spilker Funeral Home - January 21, 2017 at 09:00 AM



“ My uncle Dick was the most pleasant and soft spoken man I have ever had the pleasure to know. He genuinely showed interest in what I was up to. He was the pride and joy of my mom, his oldest sister as she dragged him around to show the world her baby brother. He learned to accept everyone for the way they were and to enjoy the diversity of his children. I always felt a great comfort level in his presence. He was my last uncle and my fond memories of him will remain with me for the rest of my life.

I loved my uncle Dick and a piece of him will always remain in my heart
David

david shermer - January 20, 2017 at 12:11 PM



“ Thank you, David, for this beautiful tribute to my dad. These words mean so much to me as well as my whole family. Suzanne

Suzanne - January 20, 2017 at 01:09 PM



“ Jim & Kim Devine & Family purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of Richard E. Loranger.



Jim & Kim Devine & Family - January 20, 2017 at 10:36 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard E. Loranger.



January 20, 2017 at 10:14 AM



“ Bobbie, Cheryl & John, Denise, PG & Arlene & Daun purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Richard E. Loranger.



Bobbie, Cheryl & John, Denise, PG & Arlene & Daun - January 20, 2017 at 01:36 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard E. Loranger.



January 19, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ To Pat and family: So many wonderful memories from the growing up years starting with grammar school and continuing through our adult life. It was a Great Time! Dick had a wonderful value system that guided him throughout his lifetime. He was cool, confident and highly successful in his life's experiences. He will be missed and his memories will bring joy to all that had the good fortune to share a part of his life

Paul Luxion

Paul Luxion - January 19, 2017 at 04:38 PM



“ From: The staff of Century 21 Gilmartin and Co purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Richard E. Loranger.



From: The staff of Century 21 Gilmartin and Co - January 19, 2017 at 04:26 PM



“ Our love and prayers go to Pat and family. We shall miss Dick on our yearly visits to the Jersey shore and CapeMay. There are so many memories from the past, starting with Dick and Pat's wedding and the birth of their children. After they moved to Michigan and we moved to Missouri we always kept in touch with cards and family photos. Good friends are a real joy in life's journey. His gentle spirit will be missed.

Charlotte & Vince Salla

Charlotte & Vince Salla - January 19, 2017 at 03:12 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Richard Loranger - January 19, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you for your loss.

Kathie Mahoney Lefebvre

Kathleen Lefebvre - January 19, 2017 at 07:46 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard E. Loranger.



January 18, 2017 at 05:11 PM



“ I knew Dick to be a sweet and quiet man and always pleasant to be around. I appreciated that he opened his beautiful guest house to my family when we joined his on vacation in Cape May years ago. I know how much he was loved by his family, that is for sure. Isn't that the best legacy a man can have? May you be at peace and your family feel comforted as they remember a life well lived.

Barb Miltenberger - January 18, 2017 at 02:43 PM



“ Thank you for your lovely words about my dad

Suzanne - January 20, 2017 at 01:36 PM



“ Mr. L was my second dad and though we have all drifted away from Michigan over the years I will always consider him my second dad. There isn't enough space on this page for me to add all the memories from the early parts of the 45 years I have been "adopted". Huge hugs to all of you from me and I will see you all soon.
xoxoxo Mick



Mickey - January 18, 2017 at 01:58 PM



“ And dad considered you his 3rd daughter, always with that place at our dinner table. Love you Mick See you soon

Suzanne - January 18, 2017 at 02:27 PM



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Suzanne Bleck - January 18, 2017 at 01:19 PM



“ Dick sure loved those chocolate nut sundaes...:)...I had quite a few with him in Cape May...

Peggy Mannion - January 18, 2017 at 03:42 PM



“ To Pat and Family: We have always so looked forward to arriving in Cape May for our long anticipated week stay at the BeachHouse because we knew upon arrival we would be greeted warmly by both Pat and Dick and treated as though we were family. Dick's gentle and intelligent manner always put you at ease and made it so easy to have wonderful discussions on so many different topics. He was a wonderful family man and so deserving of all the praise given here. We will miss him greatly and our thoughts and prayers are with Pat and the family at this time.

Love, Pat, Madeline, Theresa, Paul, Elise & Christine Amodeo

Madeline Amodeo - January 21, 2017 at 09:55 AM