



Richard "Dick" Murphy

March 6, 1923 - November 23, 2015

Richard T. "Dick" Murphy, 92, husband of Claire Lazarski Murphy, passed away Monday, November 23, 2015. A New Britain resident for most of his life, Dick was a graduate of New Britain High School and also attended McAllister School of Embalming in New York. Dick proudly served in the US Navy on the Battleship USS Massachusetts in the Pacific theater during World War II, where he received numerous medals for his patriotism. Upon returning home, Dick held jobs in the manufacturing industry most notably with Pratt & Whitney Engineering. He was also employed by the Fafnir Bearing Company in New Britain where he met the love of his life and future wife, Claire. He was very active in New Britain politics for the majority of his life and in 1972, he elected Town Clerk for the City of New Britain until 1990. Richard was a member of St. Maurice Church in New Britain; the New Britain Elks Club #957; and the American Legion as well as the VFW in New Britain. One of Dick's most proud moments came in 2011 when he was chosen to be Honorary Grand Marshal of the New Britain Memorial Day Parade. Dick enjoyed spending time with his family, winters in Naples, FL, playing Uecker and golfing with his close friends. He was an avid Fan of UConn Sports and the Yankees as well as a lifelong supporter of New Britain High School Athletics.

Besides his wife Claire, Dick is survived by a son, James Murphy and his girlfriend Maureen of Auburn, GA; a daughter, Donna Barbieri and her husband Joseph of New Britain; a loving daughter-in-law, Noreen Forrest-

Murphy of New Britain; a brother, Gerald Murphy and his wife Betty of Bristol; 5 grandchildren, James Barbieri and his fiancé Carrie, Kristen Gavin and her husband Sean, Michael Murphy and his fiancée Amalia, Kevin Murphy and his wife Melissa, and Sarah Lagasse; four great grandchildren, Carter Murphy, Brady, Ty and Cade Gavin; and several nieces and nephews including Richard and Joanne Kurnik.

Funeral services for Dick will be held Saturday 9AM at the Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain with a Mass of Christian Burial following at 10 AM at St. Maurice Church, New Britain. Burial with full military honors will follow the mass at St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours will be held Friday evening 4 to 8 PM at the Carlson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758517 Topeka, KS 66675. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by "clicking" SEND CONDOLENCES at the bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *My deepest condolences on Dick's passing. He was a great friend, wonderful public servant - someone you could always count on. He will be sorely missed with that certain twinkle in his eye and that wonderful laugh. Dick was certainly one of the good ones.*

David Malinowski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *I have known Dick for 50 years and will miss him. He was a great friend, American, New Britainite and Elk. His golfing could have been better. Enjoy set back with brother Ed till we meet again*

Thomas J Higgins Jr - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *uncle dick...thank you for so many wonderful memories beginning with when I was a very small girl...camping at hamonassett...singing with all of the aunts uncles and us cousins for all of the holidays which donna and joe have taken over so generously...dances at the elks so many years ago and all of the many family get togethers and picnics. you were very special and I loved you very much. say hi to my dad and you two have a toast to all of us here.*

patti and scott steeves - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Uncle Dick was always the life of the party. His jovial manner and upbeat view of life was always a joy. I know our parents, Ed and Mary, loved being with Clare and Dick. Our deepest sympathy to Claire and her family. Our love is real for you all. God Bless*

Richard and Linda Lazarski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ I'll always remember Uncle Dick's warmth and smile, camping at Hammonasset, Xmas at his and Aunt Clair's house, and his proud service to our country. He will be missed.

David & Andrea Jordan - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Gramps lived a great, complete life full of many family and friends. Whenever someone found out he was my grandfather, I would receive the red carpet treatment-a testament to the man he was. I never heard a person say a negative word about him- in fact, the complete opposite. From family, to friends, to co-workers, shipmates, waitresses/waiters and nurse aids, it didn't matter who you were, they loved gramps and he loved them right back. I know the holidays were your favorite time of year gramps, so we will definitely be doing a toast of "Johnny" maybe a few with you as you watch over us from heaven. Love, Jimmy

Jim Barbieri - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ So sorry for the lose..Never met but from what i am hearing was a great man and will be dearly missed... Please allow the warm wishes and prayers from friends and family help guide you through this most troubling time..

With our deepest sympathy, The Masterson's

Timothy - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ My thoughts and prayers to the Barbieri and Murphy families...my heart is so heavy right now. A legend is gone...I have so many good memories of Mr. Murphy. Too hard to write about right now. I am just so thankful i got to know him. Because he and i were Yankee fans in a family full of Red Sox fans, he took a special liking to me when me and his grandson Jim became best friends in 1987. He always had my back. I loved to sit and learn from him. All the stories he told me about the great Yankee teams of the 1940's, 50's and 60's. I loved everything about him. His deep, raspy voice. The way he sat in a deck chair at his daughter's house. The way he looked coming out of the pool. His black and silver hair slicked back. The smell of his cigar...watching him enjoy a Johnny Walker red on the rocks...He was a man's man. I only knew him the last 30 yrs, but he gave me a lifetime of memories.

Thomas Murratti - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM