



## MAURICE P. RICHER

May 24, 1933 - December 17, 2018

Maurice P. Richer, 85, of Camillus, NY, passed away at home on Monday eve, with his loving family and his dogs, Paco and Callie, at his side.

He was born in Syracuse in May, 1933 and attended St. Anthony of Padua. In 1950, he joined the military and was honorably discharged in 1954 from the U.S. Air Force. In 1956, he joined the Syracuse Police Department and was known as "Max". He respectfully served until his retirement in 1977. In 1976, he founded Richer Enterprises, specializing in truck brokering. He enjoyed that job for many years. But his favorite one of all was that of school bus driver. In the summer of 1998, he met his best friend, soulmate and wife, Rebekah, at Birnie Bus Service. They married two years later and raised her son, Chris, whom he lovingly referred to as his "moon-haired child". He retired from Westhill Central School District in 2013. He loved all children.

He was predeceased by his eldest child, Mark, on Thanksgiving Day, 2010, mother-in-law, Sheila Quick in Feb 2011, brother, Claude in Feb 2012 and his children's mother, Marie, in Nov 2017.

He will forever be missed and loved by his heartbroken wife, Rebekah, his children: daughter-in-law, Chris, daughter, Lynn, sons, Joe (Tammy) and Jimmy, his step-son, Christopher Barham, his brothers-in-law, John Quick and Mick (Margie) Quick, sister-in-law, Susie (Louie) Brown, his grandchildren, Terasa (Donny) Shelley, Kira Modafferi, Nicholas (Kristi), Kim, Payton, Kendall, Jacob, Jagg, Paisley and Suede, and five great-granddaughters! He was called "Unc" by his adoring nieces and nephews. He leaves behind cousins here and in Canada and also leaves several close friends.

Selfless throughout his life to the very end, he donated his body to Syracuse University, therefore there will be no calling hours or service.

A special thanks to his hospice nurse, Katrina, and his social worker, Kateri, for assisting me in making his last wish possible. Without them, I could not have done it! Please consider donating to Hospice of CNY 990 7th North Street Liverpool, NY 13088.

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME has care of arrangements.

Please offer online memories and tributes at [www.bagozzitwins.com](http://www.bagozzitwins.com).

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the family during this difficult time. Rebekah, we have a Survivors' Support Group comprised of police widows. We meet once a month to support and help each other. We also assist with PBA and Retirees' Projects etc. If you think you may be interested in talking about our group and perhaps joining us, please email me at Phylgeorge@aol.com and I will give you my phone number. You can contact me any time that you feel ready. Again, so sorry for your loss. Phyllis Lorenz, survivors' support Group

**Phyllis Lorenz** - December 24, 2018 at 11:56 AM

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“ Dear Rebekah,

My deepest condolences.

I cannot tell you how much I admired your strength, courage and truly loving care for Maurice during his time of need. You were his rock.

I am humbled by the love you shared and showed.

Heal the pain of loss and remember him the way he'd want you to, with love and happiness at the special life you two shared.

Kindest regards,  
Allison Lane Schmitt

**allison schmitt** - December 24, 2018 at 02:13 AM

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“ To the Richer family,  
When I was high school, I traveled to Europe. Upon returning, your Dad asked me what I did and saw. I replied, I went everywhere and saw everything! He laughed sooo hard and it was a constant joke any time I saw him because of that response.

My sincere sympathies to all,  
Mary Tomczak Downey

**Mary Downey** - December 23, 2018 at 12:42 PM

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“ Well, I have too many years of great memories of my "boyfriend" cousin Morris to list here. The last of our family's good guys is now gone, but I can find comfort in knowing he is with his Uncle Larry and Aunt Fee as well as his mom Marie and son Mark and they will all be taking very good care of him. I am sure he will be hoisting a few with Uncle Larry as in days gone by. My deepest sympathies to Becky, Christopher, Lynn, Jimmy and Joey. Rest in Peace my dear cousin. We all loved you and will miss you. Diane and family.

**Diane Omolino** - December 23, 2018 at 12:05 PM