



## RICHARD W. BALLARD

November 12, 1931 - June 6, 2024

Richard "Dick" Willard Ballard, 92, of Camillus, New York, passed away at Crouse Memorial Hospital on June 6, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Richard was born in Utica, NY, on November 12, 1931 to Bessie and Roy Ballard. As a boy, he spent his free time in Cub Scouts, where his mother was a Den Mother and his father a Cub Master. Richard became a Boy Scout at age 12 and an Eagle Scout at age 16. He believed that the training, guidance, and discipline he learned as a scout contributed to who he was as an adult. After graduating from Utica Free Academy, he spent four years in the Navy and served in the Korean War. While attending Utica College, where he received two degrees, Richard met the love of his life at a friend's wedding. He graduated in May 1957, and he and Elizabeth married on October 12, 1957. He had a long, respected management career with New York Telephone, which later became AT&T. He retired in 1988.

Richard enjoyed spending time with his family at Keuka Lake, reading, carving, getting together with friends for lunch, and having "wine time" in the gazebo with Betty. He was a loving and devoted husband, a supportive and guiding father and grandfather, a helpful and kind neighbor, and a loyal and fun friend. Maya Angelou once said: "If you're going to live, leave behind a legacy. Make an impact on the world that can never be erased." And that is exactly what he did! He left a legacy of compassion, acceptance, loyalty, kindness, and generosity.

Richard leaves behind his wife of almost 67 years, Elizabeth Howell Ballard;

daughter, Robin (Brian) Piedmonte; sons Kenneth (Patty) Ballard John (Joan) Ballard, and Glenn (Elaine) Ballard; six grandchildren, Morgan (Michael) Przekop, Erica Piedmonte, Caitlyn (Chris) Fantacone, Spencer Ballard, Ellis Ballard, and Jack Ballard; and three great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Declan, and Cash; and very close friend Robert Rowe.

As Dick has chosen to donate his body to science there will be no funeral held. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Francis House, 108 Michaels Ave, Syracuse, NY 13208.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jack Ovens sends his condolences. Dick was very caring and called Jack every week. Jack remembers him as a very, very nice fellow.

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**Jack Ovens** - June 16, 2024 at 12:11 PM

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“ Kimberly Ann Heitz lit a candle in memory of  
**RICHARD W. BALLARD**



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