



RICHARD J. FORGER

December 28, 1926 - November 27, 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our father, Richard J. (Dick) Forger (affectionately known as “Pop”) of Solvay, after a short illness. Dick was born on December 28, 1926, to the late Garrison and Grace Forger and grew up in Solvay. At 16 he enlisted in the Army and served in Italy during WWII.

Upon returning home he met and married the love of his life, Agnes Fitzpatrick and raised their 5 children in the house he built in Liverpool. On May 13, 2020 Dick and Agnes celebrated 70 years of marriage. Dick retired from New York Telephone after 40 years of service. He was a member of the Air National Guard at Hancock Field for many years. Dick and Agnes spent summers at their camp in Cleveland, NY and traveled to several states and countries during retirement.

Dick also owned and trained quarter horses, flew his own private planes and built and sold Glass Hawk boats and ultralight aircraft. He was a man of many talents who will be greatly missed by many.

Dick is survived by his wife of 70 years, Agnes, his children, Mathew Forger, of CA, Garry Forger, of AZ, Grace Ann (Colin) Ratliff, of MD and Theresa Forger, of Solvay. He is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, his sisters, Delores Fedrizzi, of Solvay and Marilyn, of MA and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Eileen Forger, his sisters, Arleta (Bill) Blowers, Arleen (Frank) Jerome, and Eleanor (Paul) Cooper.

Friends and family may call from 4 to 6 pm on Tuesday at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, 2601 Milton Avenue. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday December 2nd at 9:30 am at St. Marianne Cope Parish - Cecilia Church, 1001 Woods Road, Solvay. Burial Services will be private. Face masks are required and NYS guidelines on distancing will be followed.

Please share online memories and tributes at www.bagozzitwins.com.

Cemetery Details

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY - CLEVELAND

ROUTE 49
JEWELL, NY 13042

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home, Inc.
2601 Milton Ave.
Solvay, NY 13209
(315) 468-2431
steve@bagozzitwinsfh.com
<https://www.bagozzitwins.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 2. 9:30 AM (ET)

ST. MARIANNE COPE PARISH; ST. CECILIA CHURCH
1001 WOODS RD.
SOLVAY, NY 13209

Tribute Wall



“ *RICHARD J. FORGER*

January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *He went out of his way for people. He was kind and acted in love. A wonderful role model of the highest qualities and he will be greatly missed.*

leah forger - December 02, 2020 at 08:33 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Stephen Bagozzi - December 02, 2020 at 03:28 PM

PP

“ This is a hard tribute for me to write as loosing Uncle Dick is like losing my 2nd father in 7 mo. Agnes & Dick have been like my "other" parents since I was born and we all lived at my grandmother's house on Hall Ave. I spent my childhood summers with them and my cousins at camp in Cleveland and those years are my happiest memories. Since Dick retired we spent a lot more time together and I came to know the very gentle, caring side of a man whose quiet nature (which could hide his ability) to do almost any physical project always amazed me. He made sure Aunt Agnes was always by his side and her needs were met from building their beautiful house on Woodspath Rd. to fixing up grandma's house on Hall Ave. for them when it came time to downsize. I will miss him terribly and thank God that I had him in my life. I know he is resting in God's arms but if God has any building projects in Heaven he will surely pick Uncle Dick to lead his crew. Love, Patty "Fitz"

Patricia Piwinski - December 01, 2020 at 07:04 AM

TC

“ I am so sorry to have learned the loss of your family member, I started my career as a temporary hire for New York telephone in dicks crew. He was a seasoned veteran and I a new by. We rode together for training and when there were truck shortages, spending many days Wrkg at the state fair and plenty of repairs throughout the county. I remember one day while riding with him in Liverpool, an auto accident had just occurred and dick pulled right over to stop and assist in every way he could until help arrived. He was a caring kind man—who did his job —and tried to show you more than just the job ,but life lessons—all these years later I remember and tried to carry that forward with new hires , may he Rest In Peace and god bless him and his family. Tony corso

tony corso - November 30, 2020 at 09:02 PM

KL

“ Our deepest condolences to Aunt Aggie, Theresa, Garry, Mathew, Grace and all the family. We wish you peace and comfort as you grieve. Uncle Dick was a wonderful man and we are proud to have had him for an uncle. I just had a phone conversation with him in October and he wanted all of us to ago out for lunch soon. We will miss him. RIP Uncle Dick.

John & Karen Lotito

Karen Lotito - November 30, 2020 at 06:36 PM

DW

“ So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. I worked with Dick at New York Tel. I was a new hire and Dick was a seasoned veteran, I had the pleasure and good fortune to ride with Dick and be trained by him. One lesson he passed to me: "Just because you work for a utility company doesn't mean you have to take crap from people. Why one time Solvay police had to separate me from a customer." Dick was a character, and I mean that in the most affectionate way.

Don Wells

Donald Wells - November 30, 2020 at 02:01 PM

SC

“ EAA Chapter 1017 sends heartfelt condolences to Aggie and the whole family. Dick was so important to us all in the club for many various reasons. What a wonderful and talented person he was and we learned so much from him and enjoyed their company and stories. What he did in life was amazing with so many accomplishments. He is now flying above us with many others that will always be in our hearts and memories. RIP Dick. Carry on Aggie as you are very special too!

Sharon R Checkosky - November 30, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of RICHARD J. FORGER.*



November 29, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Forger family. I have such wonderful memories of Theresa (Treedy) and my younger years at the camp. Mr. Forger always was able to fix any bike or problem we had, and he had the most incredible hobby of flying and building planes. I admired his talents and patience with us! My favorite memories are of him in his uniform of jeans, flannel shirt, and suspenders!!!
My love to you all,
Kathleen Bigsby*

Kathleen Bigsby - November 29, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ *Many fond flying memories of Dick who gave my Dad this last airplane ride in the Tiger Moth at Whitford's several years ago. We had the privilege of honoring Dick as a member of Our Greatest Generation at our annual airport picnic in August. Dick and Aggie were almost always the first ones to arrive. God Bless and blue skies with calm winds on your flight west. Jack & Karen*

Jack Haggerty - November 29, 2020 at 03:37 PM

MQ

“ Aggie and family,
Martha and I sat with you and Dick at Jack & Karen Hagerty’s picnic
this past August. We always enjoyed swapping stories with both of
you. Always remember the good times and we want to see you at
the picnic next year.
Mike & Martha Quigley

michael Quigley - November 29, 2020 at 11:39 AM

MC

“ I will always remember the family picnics at the camp on Oneida
lake. Dick was an amazing man of many talents.

michael cathers - November 29, 2020 at 10:04 AM

SB

“ Dear Aggie and kids,

I send my heartfelt sympathy for your loss of Dick. My memories go
back to my childhood in the ‘50s when we were next door neighbors
on Hall Ave. in Solvay. Dick’s was the voice of authority and fun. He
was such a nice man and he will be missed.

Love,
Susan Mascette Brandt

Susan Mascette Brandt - November 29, 2020 at 09:59 AM

KH

Treedy, so sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. I have so many nice
memories of our teenage years at the beautiful house your Dad built in
Liverpool. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.
Karen Hanley

Karen Hanley - November 30, 2020 at 08:23 AM

MB

“ Sorry to hear of this. While not a close relative, I remember one time at a family gathering he took me and my son Kevin, who was about 4 to at the time for a short flight over Weedsport(?). It was obviously something to remember. May he rest at peace.

Mark Bookman - November 29, 2020 at 07:53 AM

JC

“ Our sincere Condolences to the Forger family , what an amazing life , our prayers for Dick and Family.

jim Cooper - November 28, 2020 at 08:58 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of RICHARD J. FORGER.



November 28, 2020 at 02:23 PM

LF

“ Uncle Dick was one of the sweetest men I have known 🙏

lynn fedrizzi - November 28, 2020 at 01:08 PM

GF

“ A wonderful father, a great person. The hero of all our lives. He will be much missed by us all, his accomplishments are too numerous to mention. Garry

Garry Forger - November 28, 2020 at 12:16 PM