



Mr. Richard Albert Bushnell

November 3, 1945 - July 18, 2024

Richard Albert Bushnell (Dick/Bushy), 78 of Cortland passed away peacefully on Thursday July 18 at home.

Dick was born in Cortland on November 3, 1945. The 8th of 11 children born to the late Bernice (Henry) & Lyman Bushnell. He grew up on Floral Avenue and attended Cortland schools all his life, graduating from Cortland High School in 1965. After graduating he was drafted in the US Army, serving from 1965 – 1967. Upon being honorably discharged Dick began a long, and proud career with Coca-Cola retiring after 35 years. After retirement Dick returned to work, working for the Cortland Housing Authority and Walden Place Assisted Living Facility.

He was a lifetime member of the Homer Fire Department, a member of the American Legion and a former county legislature, where he chaired the JPS committee. He was an avid fisherman, car enthusiast and a Coca-Cola memorabilia collector. He is survived by his wife Denise (L'Hommedieu) Bushnell whom he celebrated 39 years of marriage with on the 13th of this month. As well as his daughters Shawna Sipfle, Desiree (Jeremy) Hotaling and Kerri Bushnell. He is also survived by his two granddaughters, Lakelyn & Lainey Hotaling who brought him much pride and joy.

In addition, he is survived by his siblings Jesse (Sharon) Bushnell, Ronald

“Pete” Bushnell, Arthur (Sylvia “Pete”) Bushnell, Stanley “Marty” Bushnell, Robert “Bob” Bushnell, Kathleen Robbins, Debbie Rancangan & Anna Buck. Brother-in-Law Randy (Korinne) L’Hommedieu, Sister-in-Law Michele (Chris) McDonald, Brother-in-Law Edward Kowalski and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters Ardelia Kowalski and Aggie Metcalf, his Father-in-Law John L’Hommedieu, Mother-in-Law Dorothy Aiken, Sister-in-Laws Patricia Bushnell, Charlene Bushnell and Judy Bushnell. As well as Brother-in-Laws Burt Buck, Steve Robbins, Leon Rounds Sr., and Dutch Metcalf. And lastly his beloved dog Hemi-Joe.

Per Dick’s request there will be no services. A celebration of life is being planned for September. Donations can be directed to the Homer Fire Department, 45 S. Main Street, Homer NY.

Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y.

www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

LC

“ As a former county Probation Director, I knew Dick when he chaired the JPS subcommittee. I have a lot of respect and admiration for him and his service to our country and community. God bless you and keep you. Lisa Cutia

Lisa Cutia - July 28, 2024 at 07:11 PM

MB

“ We will miss you old buddy. We had many good times at fish camp, the fishing, the camp fires, and of course the food. Dick always had to grill on steak night. Always thought of you as a brother. You will be missed dearly. Our condolences to Denise and family. Mary and Steve Bump



Mary and Steve Bump - July 23, 2024 at 08:58 AM

MH

“ I am so sorry about Dick's passing away. My memories are brief, but happy. Since we are distant cousins, I will always feel welcome when I've traveled there. My condolences to the entire Bushnell family with hugs and love.

Michael Henry - July 22, 2024 at 12:10 PM

RS

“ My prayers go out to the family, he was a very good man, will be missed by many.

richard stock - July 20, 2024 at 03:05 PM

ND

“ I shared so many memorable times with Dick, a wonderful, generous man who will be missed by all who knew him. My condolences to his entire family💔💔

Nancy Dorn - July 20, 2024 at 12:15 PM

WK

“ William Knickerbocker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Albert Bushnell



William Knickerbocker - July 20, 2024 at 08:49 AM

WK

We'll miss you old Friend

William Knickerbocker - July 20, 2024 at 08:50 AM

JN

“ We are so very sorry to hear this news. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. He will be missed. ❤️



Joe & Claudia Natale - July 19, 2024 at 06:45 PM