



## Mr. Richard G. Cifonelli

February 17, 1936 - December 21, 2021

Mr. Richard G. Cifonelli, 85, passed away on Tuesday December 21, 2021 at his home. Born Feb 17, 1936 the son of Angelo and Margaret Piedigrossi Cifonelli, Dick lived many years in the Cortland area before relocating to Allentown, Penn. He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church, Cortland and St. Thomas More in Allentown.

Dick was a 3 letter athlete at Cortland High School but, as he liked to remind his family, it would have been 4, if he had not been hurt his senior year. He was employed as a heavy equipment operator for many years as was formerly employed locally with Compagni Construction.

He is survived by two sons; Michael of Cortland and Steven (Maria) of Northridge, Calif; a sister; Carol (Don) Heifferon of Rochester, he is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. in addition to his parents; Dick was preceded in death by his wife; Shirley in 2002 and his siblings; Josephine Biviano, Daniel, Paul and Sam Cifonelli.

A Memorial service and burial will be planned and announced at a later date for the summer of 2022. Contributions in Dick's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y. [www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ *Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us everyday,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

*Love is strongest in the dark.  
May Richard's family keep his Love always.*

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**A** - December 26, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. CORTLAND family  
forever. Ties to our home st..rip Dick.*



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**Amy Tutino Piatak** - December 24, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ *Amy Tutino Piatak lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Richard G. Cifonelli*



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**Amy Tutino Piatak** - December 24, 2021 at 08:29 AM



*From Cedar st Tutino memories of all Cifinelli fam..send my sincere  
thoughts to a wonderful life..join Sam Danny Rip fly high Rick..*

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**Amy Tutino Piatak** - December 24, 2021 at 08:31 AM

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*Sorry error Dick Cif...*

**Amy Tutino Piatak** - December 24, 2021 at 08:32 AM

AP

*spelling Cifonelli sorry .💕💕💕*

**Amy Tutino Piatak** - December 26, 2021 at 02:14 AM

PY

*Sorry Dick, miss the ball games and after hi-jinks. Yac*

**Paul Yacovone** - December 26, 2021 at 08:35 AM

FF

*So sorry to hear of Dicks passing. We were good friends for a good many years. He's with Shirley now and contented again. Condolences to the family.*

**Faye Ferguson** - December 26, 2021 at 02:25 PM

KH

*I got to know Dick at the Bean Pickers' reunion (his cousin, Salvatore Cifonelli was my uncle and godfather). What a dear man. I enjoyed my time with him and his sister, Carol. Sending love and heartfelt condolences to the Cifonelli family. Karen Foresti Hempson*

**Karen Foresti Hempson** - December 28, 2021 at 12:25 PM

JV

*I am so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He and his family were our special cousins from Cortland. We took many trips to visit them and they came to Utica to visit us especially for the Feast of Sts. Cosmas and Damian at St. Anthony of Padua Church. I have many fond memories of him and the entire Cifonelli family. My condolences to all the family. Love, Joan Cifonelli Voce*

**Joan Cifonelli Voce** - December 28, 2021 at 01:24 PM

AC

*My deepest condolences to the Cifonelli family. Dick was not only family, but a good friend. He will be missed. Arla Camillo*

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**Arla Camillo** - December 31, 2021 at 02:33 PM