



## Mr. Richard Frank DeRusso

March 2, 1941 - August 23, 2021

Richard Frank DeRusso was born to Frank and Rosemary on March 2nd, 1941 in Syracuse. In 1959 he was a graduate of Syracuse Central Highschool. He became an alumnus of Syracuse University where he received his bachelor's degree in anthropology. Among his adventures, Richard served in Libya as an air force officer.

Proudly survived by his wife of 49 years Brenda DeRusso, his brother Chuck DeRusso, his sister Peg O'Brien, his two daughters Dina DeRusso-Peck and Maryanne DeRusso, his grandchildren Alexys Allbright (Nick Johnson), Zak Allbright (Shauna Allbright), Kade Peck (Lindsay Madden), Dane Peck (Taylor O'Connor), Jaizy Peck, Breezeana DeRusso, Caelynn DeRusso, and his three great grandchildren, Tristan, Waylon, and August.

Richard passed peacefully in his home in Cortland on Monday August 23rd. Services will be held at Riccardi Funeral Home 69 N. Main St., Cortland, N.Y. on Sunday at 2 p.m. The family will be present to receive friends on Sunday from 12 noon until 2 p.m. prior to services. [www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Riccardi Funeral Home  
69 North Main Street  
Cortland, NY 13045  
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# Tribute Wall

BD

“ *Breezeana DeRusso lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Frank DeRusso*



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**Breezeana DeRusso** - January 09, 2025 at 05:13 PM

SL

“ *A Sad Day. I am so very sorry to read of Dick's passing. I worked for Dick in the late 1970's. He was always cheerful and kind. I'm still grateful to him for hiring me. It was always a pleasure to see him. He was always the same cheerful guy.*

*My most sincere condolences go to Brenda and the DeRusso family.*

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**Steve Littlefield** - August 28, 2021 at 08:25 AM

LI

“ *Sincere condolences from the Liberati family! So sorry for your loss.*



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**Lisa** - August 27, 2021 at 01:38 PM

WF

“ With love from your California Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mr. Richard Frank DeRusso.



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**With love from your California Family** - August 26, 2021 at 01:56 PM

JC

“ I've been friends with Dina since we were kids, and Mr.DeRusso always treated me with the utmost kindness, compassion, and respect - even when I didn't deserve it. Especially then, really. He was one of the very best humans I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. He will be greatly missed. My sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

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**Jen Adams Conkrite** - August 26, 2021 at 09:28 AM

PO

“ Dick was the best big brother anyone could ask for. He was always there for me even when I didn't realize I needed his support. A more caring and kind person you will never find.



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**Peggy O'Brien** - August 25, 2021 at 09:16 PM

 Rob Young

“ Too many good memories to share but will definitely miss that contagious laugh. RIP Uncle Dick you will truly be missed



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**Rob Young** - August 25, 2021 at 04:40 PM

AL

“ Thank you all for loving him. It is what made his glow shine so bright.



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**alexys** - August 25, 2021 at 01:48 PM

CD

“ I would like to add that Dick was valedictorian of his high school, and was only 9 hours short of getting his masters degree from Syracuse. He had a love of learning and an insatiable curiosity about the world. He did get to visit an archaeological site while he was serving in Libya. He was also a very dedicated father and family leader. As his younger brother, I will always look up to him. I am sure that the peace of our Lord is with him!

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**Chuck DeRusso** - August 25, 2021 at 12:41 PM

CD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Chuck DeRusso** - August 25, 2021 at 11:58 AM

CD

“ 1 file added to the album *Dick and Brenda visit to California 2004*



**Chuck DeRusso** - August 25, 2021 at 11:46 AM

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“ *Abigail Novak lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Frank DeRusso*



**Abigail Novak** - August 25, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ *Jessie Novak lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Frank DeRusso*



**Jessie Novak** - August 25, 2021 at 10:32 AM

DN

“ *Dave And Lauriette Novak lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Frank DeRusso*



**Dave and Lauriette Novak** - August 25, 2021 at 10:06 AM