



## Richard Jerome Mazanec

February 13, 1938 - March 18, 2021

Mazanec, Richard J. "Dick" Age 83 of Coon Rapids passed away peacefully on March 18, 2021. He was born to George and Leone in Bessemer, Michigan on February 13, 1938. Dick graduated from A.D. Johnston High School in Bessemer and later completed a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin - Superior. In 1961, Dick joined the US Navy and served on the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid. Dick worked in naval intelligence with pilots, including future US Senator John McCain, to plan and evaluate aircraft missions. While aboard the Fighting "I," he witnessed the recovery of the Aurora 7 space capsule carrying Scott Carpenter and provided intelligence during the Cuban Missile Crisis. After leaving the Navy, Dick moved to Minneapolis where he worked as an accountant for many years and met his wife, Berniece. Dick was a member of St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Blaine for 52 years where he served as a lector, taught religious education and was an active member of St. Tim's Active Retired Seniors (STARS). He immensely enjoyed the great outdoors and once walked all 67 Minnesota State Parks with his wife during a 3-year period in the 1990s. Dick is survived by his wife of 53 years, Berniece, his daughter Karen (Paco) of Mexico City, Mexico, son Paul (Michelle) and granddaughter Laura of Ham Lake and brother Tom of Burnsville. Mass of Christian Burial, 10am Thursday, April 22 at the Church of St. Timothy, 707 89th Ave. NE, Blaine, followed by interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy.com Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000



# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Timothy Catholic Church  
707 89th Avenue NE  
Blaine, MN

# Tribute Wall



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