



Richard Walter Puffer

February 13, 1932 - November 9, 2020

PUFFER, Richard Walter "Dick"

Died peacefully surrounded by family on November 9, 2020. Born February 13, 1932 in Minneapolis to Walter Wales Puffer and Gladys Marie Ploof Puffer. Predeceased by wife Mary Pearl Ewing Puffer, sister Patricia Sodman and sister-in-law Evelyn Puffer. He will be deeply missed by siblings James Puffer and Marcy (Larry) Randall; children Teresa Teri, Linda (John) Puffer Knipp, Mark (Cheryl) Puffer, Patrice Puffer; grandchildren Nicholas Puffer, Nolan Wisen, Noah Wisen, Natiana Wisen, Max Puffer; great grandchild Isobel Wisen; and many nieces and nephews.

Dick served in the US Army Military Police followed by four years in the Army Reserve. Dick joined the St. Anthony Village Fire Department, the community he had made his long time home. After two years, he then accepted the newly established position and Department of Police Sergeant which he proudly held for thirty years until his retirement.

Dick was a lifelong hockey fan and retired from playing at age 77. Hockey was his life next to his family, especially coaching his son and being a referee. He also enjoyed watching the North Stars, Wild and the Twins and spending time at the cabin pan fishing.

Thank you to the Legacy of St. Anthony for their kindness and care.

Monday, November 23, 2020 Visitation from 9-11AM prior to the Mass of Christian Burial at 11AM will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 832-2nd Avenue NW, New Brighton; Family interment following of both Dick

and Mary at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Disabled American Veterans or American Heart Association.

Livestream of service available at:

<https://youtu.be/Evti1wRrCU>

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Walter Puffer



December 14, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss and ours as well Uncle dick was the greatest I remember the trips to the cabin him driving recklessly like he was in a race car even making the noises of a car always had such a blast Christmas I love you all I have the virus that is why I cannot attend I'm sorry I love you all

Scott Schaar and Megan - November 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the entire Puffer family...may G-d hold you in the palm of his hand.



Denise Ferguson Redgate - November 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mark & Family,*

I've always had tremendous respect for Dick & his family. We met on the hockey rink but our relationship extended further, to include family, values & fun.

My daughter & her family live in St Anthony, so everytime I pass the police department to watch my grandchildren's soccer games, I remember the fond memories we shared & say a prayer.

I learned many things from Dick. Paramount among them was how to be a good man, husband & father, not to mention the skills required to play the game of hockey. Even though I failed to demonstrate this learning on occasion, due to my competitiveness, especially on the ice, I always knew when I was letting him & my teammates down & tried to improve.

My wife Chris & I offer condolences, prayer & gratefulness for having known him & you.

We've lost a good man. I lost my good mentor. You have lost a great patriarch. Take refuge imagining him skating on the great sheet of ice, in the sky. I'm sure he's correcting the flaws in fundamentals of The Great One, Gordie Howe!

*Sincerely,
Brian Casteleyn*

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