



Richard "Dick" J. Lapolice

September 21, 1937 - October 29, 2012

RCMC Richard "Dick" Lapolice, 75 of Centralia passed away Monday, October 29, 2012 at St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital in Centralia. Mr. Lapolice was born September 21, 1937 in Miltonvale, Kansas son of William Lapolice and Agnes (Brannick) Lapolice. He married Angelina (Zucca) Lapolice on September 13, 1989 in Clinton, Indiana and she survives in Centralia. In addition to his wife, Mr. Lapolice is survived by a son, Richard Lapolice and wife Marcie of O'Fallon; a daughter, Deborah Lapolice of Raleigh, N.C.; a step-daughter: Pamela Kay Truax of Centralia; two grandsons: Christopher Lapolice and wife Chelsa and Tyler Lapolice of O'Fallon; one brother: Larry Lapolice and wife Lois; sister-in-law: Glenda Lapolice of California; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Mr. Lapolice was preceded in death by his parents and a step-daughter, Penny Lee Truax, a brother, Tommy Lapolice and two sisters in infancy. Mr. Lapolice graduated from high school and then joined the U.S. Navy the following day. He served a year term in the U.S. Navy and then went to work in a factory. After working in the factory setting he decided that working in a factory was not what he wanted to do, so he joined the U.S. Coast Guard. He worked and served His Country for the U.S. Coast Guard for 26 ½ years and retired. Mr. Lapolice later worked for the Highland Police Department for 15 years as a Dispatcher and later retired. He was a member of the Centralia Elks Lodge 493 and a member of the Westville American Legion Post 51. He volunteered with the Special Olympics. He enjoyed fishing, traveling and visited all 50 States in the United States. Most

of all he loved spending time with family and friends. Funeral Services for Richard Lapolice will be held Friday, November 2, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Steve Upchurch officiating. Burial will follow at 2:00 PM at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis. Friends may call Thursday evening from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorial Donations may be made to Murray Center Parents Association and will be received at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, which is in charge of arrangements. Online Condolences may be made at www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Deb, all our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you journey through the difficult times ahead--much love, Gail and Bill, Raleigh, NC* ”

November 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *No finer person than those like your father who are 'Coasties.' Your loss is ours too. My heartfelt condolences as well as those of us who work with Deb go out to you all.* ”

John Higgins - November 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to Angie and family. Rich was a pleasure to know and work with and will always be fondly remembered.* ”

Keith Haberer - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your family's great loss. Please accept my condolences.* ”

Bonnie Simons - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *The City of Highland wishes to express their condolences to the family.* ”

City of Highland - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Rest in Peace. You were a great Grandparent to our grand sons and always so kind and a pleasure to know. You will be missed, not forgotten. Memories remain.*

Lilly & Lester Solt - October 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Thank you for being such a great neighbor and friend. It was a priviledge to know you. I will never forget your kindness and the great stories of your life's adventures. I will miss you.*

Toni Perko - October 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *R.I.P. Uncle Dick. Thank you for the many great memories.*

Frank Magurany - October 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM