



Richard Josua Moilanen

July 2, 2019

Richard Josua Moilanen, 80, of Carneys Point passed away on July 2, 2019. Born July 29, 1938 in Fitchburg, MA to Joseph and Aili (Pesonen) Moilanen, he was a 1956 graduate of Fitchburg High School. After high school, Richard served his country in the United States Marines from 1956 to 1958 and was honorably discharged from the Marine reserves in 1962.

While working full time, Richard started taking night courses for college. He would eventually earn his Bachelors of Science in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University in Boston in 1972. Richard worked for Stone and Webster Engineering in Boston and was temporarily assigned to work for Stone and Webster in Canada. It was in Canada that he met his wife, Patricia Morrison, and the two were wed in 1973. They stayed in Canada for two years but decided to move to the States, figuring better job opportunities would exist there.

Richard and Patricia moved throughout the country, living in seven states before settling in New Jersey. It was there that they finally settled down, bought a house and adopted their two children, Randy and Emily. Richard worked briefly for PSE & G and spent the last 30 years working his own business, traveling throughout the country as a consultant until he retired in 2013.

He was an avid Patriots fan and will always be remembered as an honest, hardworking, generous and kind family man. While he was traveling for his business, he would drive 200 to 300 miles just so that he could be with his family on the weekends. He loved to travel and took several trips to Las Vegas. With the family, he enjoyed going anywhere including St. Lucia, the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos and, most recently Key West and Bermuda.

Richard is survived by his wife Patricia Moilanen; his children Randy Moilanen (Akita) and Emily Moilanen; his grandchildren Chase, Alayna and Alani; his nephews Garfield (Kim), Shawn (Jackie) and Aaron (Joselyn) Dales; and his nephews' children.

A memorial service to celebrate Richard's life will be held on Monday, July 8, 2019 at Adams Funeral Home, 18 E. Maple Avenue, Penns Grove, NJ 08069. There will be a visitation from 10 to 11 AM followed by the service at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in Richard's memory to the Heartland Hospice Memorial Fund at www.heartlandhospicefund.org or to the Carneys Point Fire Department and Rescue Squad, 258 D Street, Carneys Point, NJ 08069.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home (Pennsgrove)
18 East Maple Ave
Penns Grove, NJ 08069
(856) 299-2121

Memorial Service

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