



Richard G Pforte

December 10, 1935 - February 2, 2024

Richard G. Pforte, a lifelong resident of Tappan, New York, passed away peacefully on February 2, 2024. Born on December 10, 1935, in Nyack, New York to Josephine and John Pforte, Rich's life was marked by a deep commitment to family, service, and community.

Rich graduated from Tappan Zee High School in 1950 when it was located in Piermont, New York. Following his graduation, he bravely served his country in the United States Marines, rising to the rank of Sergeant. After his honorable discharge, Rich became a dedicated member of the Plumbers & Steamfitter Local Union 373, where he proudly served for an incredible 64 years. During those years he served as a trustee and various other board positions within the Union.

In 1958, Rich married the love of his life, Rose Mezzasalama, and together they embarked on a remarkable journey of love, family, and shared adventures. Sadly, Rose passed away in 1998, leaving a void that Rich carried with grace and strength.

Rich is survived by his brother Bob from Marianna, Florida, and his children: Mike (Debbie) from Pompano Beach, Florida; Lori (Mickey) from Damascus, Pennsylvania; Rick (Norren) from Tappan, New York; Mark and Glenn, both from Tappan, New York. His legacy lives on through his 10 grandchildren and

five great-grandchildren, who were a source of immense joy and pride for Rich. Not to be forgotten is his beloved dog, Tessa, who was a faithful companion.

Throughout his life, Rich was an active and dedicated member of his community. He served as a Life Member and Ex-Chief of the Tappan Fire Department, embodying the spirit of selflessness and courage. Additionally, he was a proud member of the Carl A. Schelin American Legion Post 1271.

Rich will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his family, his strong work ethic, and his selfless service to his community and country. His legacy will continue to inspire those who knew him, and his memory will forever remain etched in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to share in his life.

Funeral services, provided by Moritz Funeral Home in Tappan, New York, will include visiting hours from 3-7 pm on Monday, February 5, 2024. A Mass will be held at Our Lady of Sacred Heart in Tappan, NY, at 10 am, followed by burial at Rockland Cemetery in Sparkill, New York.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 5. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Moritz Funeral Home - Tappan
98 Route 303 South
Tappan, NY 10983
<http://www.moritzfh.com>

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Funeral Mass

FEB 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART
120 Kings Highway
Tappan, NY 10983

A Mass will be held at Our Lady of Sacred Heart in Tappan, NY, at 10 am, followed by burial at Rockland Cemetery in Sparkill, New York.

Interment

FEB 6. 11:15 AM (ET)

Rockland Cemetery
201 Kings Hwy
Sparkill, NY 10976
(845) 359-0172
info@rocklandcemetery.org
<https://www.rocklandcemetery.org/>

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