



Richard Finley

December 26, 1937 - July 4, 2017

Richard A. Finley, age 79, of Lindenhurst, IL passed away July 4, 2017. He was born in Waukegan, IL on December 26, 1937 to the late Howard and Tina Finley. Richard was a lifetime resident of Lake County, a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church since 1959, and worked for Abbott Laboratories for 35 years. He was a “Mr. Fix-it”, a self-taught machinist, and a private pilot. He crafted brass scroll clocks for family and friends and even built a 1941 Porter Field airplane from the ground up while being a member of the Porter Field Airplane Club. He often brought his entire family, including his grandchildren, to Canada where he taught them the patience of fishing.

He is survived by his high school sweetheart of 58 years Margaret ‘Peggy’; children Dave (Sue) Finley, Dawn (Pat) Schwartz, Gary (Kathy) Finley, and Steve Finley; grandchildren Matt (Megan) Finley, James (Katrina) Finley, Sarah Finley, Tina Finley, Sig Finley, Alex Schwartz, and Nathan Schwartz; his brother Thomas Finley and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother George Finley.

Visitation will be Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 135 S Milwaukee Ave, Lake Villa, IL 60046 with mass to follow at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be at Highland Memorial Park in Libertyville, IL.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl, Memphis, TN 38105; Stritch School of Medicine, 2160 S 1st Ave, Maywood, IL 6015; and JourneyCare, 2050 Claire Ct, Glenview, IL 60025.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Park Cemetery

33100 N Hunt Club Rd
Libertyville, IL 60048

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
135 S. Milwaukee Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-7915

Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Finley*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Richard Finley*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *From - your MOMS group of Village Church of Gurnee purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard Finley.*



From - your MOMS group of Village Church of Gurnee - July 11, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Finley.*



July 10, 2017 at 02:22 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steve Finley - July 09, 2017 at 05:50 PM

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“ *What can I say! He was the best neighbor and friend one could ever hope for. He and Peg were and will always be my lifelong friends. If ever there was a man I respected and loved, it was Dick. He and Peg were there for me in my time of need like no other. I will miss you Dick. I love your family and I love you. Dance with the angels dear friend.*

Laney Clanton-Baker - July 09, 2017 at 05:26 PM

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“ *When I was very young I lived for years next to this wonderful family. Mr. and Mrs. Finley were the most loving parents you could imagine, and Mr. Finley was larger than life in my eyes ! I remember watching him build the airplane in his garage, and he even let Dawn and I glue little pieces together. I felt like I was part of the space program ! He would always have the most incredible inventions on his workbench, rocks tumbling in a corner, beer home brewing in the laundry room. To me he was a scientist and a renaissance man. Mr. Finley was one of the most amazing people in my life..creative, patient, and always willing to stop and teach. The world has dimmed with his passing.*

Jacqueline (Cook) Hamor - July 09, 2017 at 05:11 PM

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“ To my favorite family of all time my heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Many wonderful memories of your dad. The woodworking projects he made Dawn were amazing. I still remember the roll top desk to this day. I loved sitting with your family watching shows and eating popcorn. Your dad and mom always made me feel like I was one of the family. I will see you all on Saturday.

Suzan (Baker) Hollander - July 09, 2017 at 05:08 PM