



Richard "Dick" Samuel Frederick

June 15, 1931 - October 15, 2015

Richard Samuel "Dick" Frederick, 84, died October 15, 2015. He was born June 15, 1931 to Frank Frederick and Sarah (Swisher) Frederick, the ninth of 10 children, in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania.

The family was left with no resources and moved in with grandparents, Samuel and Mary Frederick. The 10th child was born there.

The family later moved to a large farmhouse near Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania where Dick grew up. The family worked as sharecroppers.

Dick attended a 1 room schoolhouse from grade 1 through 8, then 4 years at Punxsutawney High School where he graduated in 1949.

Dick chose his career, as a Piano Technician/Tuner when he was about 14 years old. After high school, Dick attended Harmony School of Piano Tuning at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, graduating on February 10, 1950. He worked at his trade until April 1951 when he joined the Navy. Dick attended Sonar School and served 3 years aboard the USS Osberg, DE538.

Dick met the love of his life, LaRue Pierce in September 1950. They were married on March 18, 1953.

After being discharged from the Navy, Dick and LaRue moved to New Jersey where Dick worked at Bell Telephone Laboratories as an engineering aide for seven years in the field of sound analysis.

In 1962, Dick returned to his career in Piano Service for 9 years.

In 1971 the family (now 5 children) moved to Fort Collins where Dick continued his piano service career for 42 years, completing over 50 years in

the work he loved.

Dick is survived by his wife, LaRue; five children, Thomas of Laporte, Kerry (deceased), Kathy of Windsor, Brenda of Ault and Eric of Fort Collins; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Preceding Dick in death are his parents and one son, Kerry.

Dick's passions were his family, his work, woodworking, fishing, hunting, gardening, camping, prospecting and genealogy.

Dick believed that he was always lucky as if a guardian angel sat on his shoulder. Wherever he went there was always an opportunity awaiting.

A Funeral Service will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel on Monday at 10 am. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery. Those who desire may view Mr. Frederick, Sunday from 2 to 4 pm at Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

1900 W. Mountain Ave.
Ft. Collins, CO 80521

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 482-4244
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

Tribute Wall

ER

“ *Ed Ranum sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard "Dick" Samuel Frederick*



Ed Ranum - October 27, 2015 at 06:28 PM

MA

“ *Mr. Frederick was my piano tuner for 28 years... even since I moved here to Fort Collins. Besides doing a great job on the piano, we always chatted and shared a bit about current events in our lives. He was very positive in his outlook and certainly did his bit to enjoy Life! I shall miss him a lot.*

Marilyn Anderson, Fort Collins, CO

Marilyn Anderson - October 20, 2015 at 11:46 AM

DN

“ *David Nereson lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Samuel Frederick*



David Nereson - October 19, 2015 at 08:09 PM

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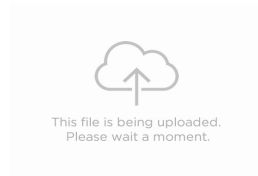
“ *Bonnie Walser lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Samuel Frederick*



Bonnie Walser - October 19, 2015 at 09:47 AM

JZ

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Jackie Zufall-Holt - October 18, 2015 at 02:32 PM

DA

“ *I recently had the honor of visiting with Mr. Frederick when he graciously agreed to come give me an appraisal of an old piano. He was so interesting to talk to, he told me so much about the old piano and gently gave me the news that it was not worth restoring in his opinion. He also told me about his current projects and his hope of being able to finish the current project he was working on before his final day arrived. I was struck by his grace and good humor. I wish I had known him much longer, such a delight to talk with. My deepest sympathy to his wife and family -Debi Allenson*

Debi Allenson - October 18, 2015 at 11:41 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Samuel Frederick.*



October 18, 2015 at 11:11 AM



“ *I never saw my Uncle Dick that he didn't share a good word and a smile.
God's blessings Uncle Dick.
Larry Zufall*

Larry Zufall - October 18, 2015 at 10:37 AM



“ *We are told that we get to choose our friends, but we are stuck with our relatives. While I may have been a brat at times, my Uncle Dick chose to be my friend and he was my best friend for a lifetime.*

Joe Zufall

Joe Zufall - October 17, 2015 at 04:29 PM



“ *Joe and Arlene Zufall purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Richard "Dick" Samuel Frederick.*



Joe and Arlene Zufall - October 17, 2015 at 04:23 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Brandt lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Samuel Frederick*



brenda brandt - October 17, 2015 at 12:34 PM

BB

“ *We could not have asked for a better husband, father or grandfather. Truly the sweetest, most loving, honest family man I have ever known. We are so blessed to have had him and his love of nature lives on in his grandchildren who he taught to fish, hunt, camp and so many other things. Truly a man with integrity along with a great sense of humor and an endless supply of "Grandpa jokes." We love you, Dad!*

brenda brandt - October 17, 2015 at 12:04 PM