



Richard Tortorello

March 1, 1924 - April 19, 2017

RICHARD "DICK" TORTORELLO March 1, 1924 ~ April 19, 2017 Dick Tortorello passed from this Earth on April 19, 2017 with his family around him as he would have wanted, family meant everything to him. He was born on March 1, 1924 in Brookfield, IL to Carmen and Stella Tortorello. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bill and Don; daughter-in-law, Karen; and granddaughter, Kelsey. A proud veteran of WWII, Dick enlisted in the US Navy in 1942 and served aboard the USS Willoughby in the South Pacific. After his discharge, Dick met the love of his life Florence Czernik, they married on June 21, 1947 and spent the next 70 years together. In 1962, Dick was given the opportunity to transfer within the company he worked for, National Can, from Chicago to the Pacific Northwest to the little town (at least at the time) known as Vancouver, WA, a move they never regretted. They spent the next 17 years here before transferring to California in 1979 where they eventually retired before returning to Vancouver in 2014. Dick loved to fish, bowl, and was active in youth baseball as a coach but most of all he loved to golf. After retiring in 1986, Dick and Flo remained in California where the weather was more conducive to golfing year round and played 2-3 times a week into his 90's. Richard is survived by his wife of 70 years, Florence; his sister, Laverne; sons, Rick (wife Sue) and Gary (significant other, Deborah Bernal); granddaughters, Heather (Eliot) and Rebecca, Kristi; and great-grandson, Kingston. Services are to be held this Friday, April 28th at Evergreen Memorial Gardens at 12:30 p.m. with a reception to follow. Please

sign Richard's Guest Book at www.columbian.com/obits.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:25 PM

MB

“ Flo, I was saddened to hear Dick had passed away. I really miss him. His big smile, his laugh and his kindness will always be remembered. Let me know if there is anything I can do for you. With my sincere condolences, Mary

Mary Benton - April 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Flo..Hal and I send our condolences and we will really miss Dick as well, also his great sense of humor. Jesus is helping you and your family with this sorrow but know we are here to help in any way we can. Love, Carol and Hal

Hal & Carol Bailey - April 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Auntie Flo, Rick and Gary, I am so sorry for your loss. All I have is good memories of the past. Love, Barbara

barbara bartolac - April 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM