



Richard J. Urbano

December 7, 1946 - September 23, 2025

Richard Jack Urbano, of Sterling Heights, passed after a heroic battle with dementia on September 23rd, born and educated in Detroit, the only adult child of Guido and Anna (Panetta). He was preceded in death by twin brothers Peter and Paul. Richard was an ardent Catholic, a 4th degree Knight of Columbus and eager church volunteer. He graduated Presentation Grade School, St. Gregory High School 1965 and University of Detroit BA and Masters 1971.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 38 years Barbara (Pomnichowski) with whom he shared a love of backyard animals and travel to numerous destinations including Poland, Alaska, Virgin Islands, Bahamas, and his final retirement trip sailing through the Panama Canal. They have no surviving children but enjoyed long time canine companions "Shadow" a flat coat retriever, 12 years, and "Satin" a rescue mutt for 17 years.

Richard was a lifelong hard worker, taking his first job at his Uncle's construction firm while attending College and Grad school. Starting in 1971 Richard was a lifetime Chrysler employee until his retirement as a systems analyst in 2000, having worked at Center Line, Hazel Park and Auburn Hills.

His hobbies included FCC licensed amateur short wave radio, as an operator, instructor and examiner, gaining wireless friends across the globe from his

basement. Richard also enjoyed volunteering as a docent at the Walter P. Chrysler Museum from 2000-2016. He enjoyed collecting Lionel model train sets with layouts and showed his love of Christmas with numerous Santa Claus figurines.

Richard will be fondly remembered by all for his generosity and impish sense of humor, especially sister in law Frania Pomnichowski, brother in law Albin Pomnichowski, wife Jill and various cousins.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to St. Jude's Children Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 28. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Instate

SEP 29. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances deChantal Catholic Church
38750 Ryan Rd
Sterling Heights, MI

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sending love from The Panetta Family* ❤️



Julianna Panetta - September 26, 2025 at 09:02 AM



“ *Alessandra Panetta lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Urbano*

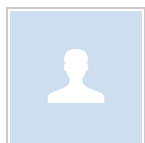


Alessandra Panetta - September 26, 2025 at 02:43 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard J. Urbano.*

September 25, 2025 at 08:44 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard J. Urbano.*



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“ *Kathleen S. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Richard J. Urbano.*



Kathleen S. - September 25, 2025 at 07:58 PM