



Richard Philip Van Buren

February 26, 1930 - January 17, 2020

Beloved husband of Rosa for 63 years.

Loving father of Gina (late), Martha (Bob) and Lisa (Mike).

Dear grandfather of Bobby (Theresa), Tony, Katie and Beth (Karma).

Great grandfather of Eli, Robby and Lilly.

Survived by his brother Steve (Audrey).

Richard was a proud Air Force Veteran who served during the Korean War (1950-1954).

He met the love of his life his wife, Rosa, in Mexico City and even though they spoke different languages were married a month later. Throughout Richard life he was an avid cyclist. He created logs throughout his riding years and quite a few read he had ridden 100 miles a day. Richard was a loving and loyal family man. Family meant everything to him and he loved nothing more that spending time with them doing anything.

Richard was loved and will be dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donation be made to the Dementia Society of America. (<https://www.dementiasociety.org/donate>)

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Cemetery

621 West Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Military Honors

JAN 21. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Philip Van Buren*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Richard Philip Van Buren*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Philip Van Buren.*



January 20, 2020 at 11:06 PM



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January 20, 2020 at 11:43 AM

JW

“ Julie and Ken Wahl purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard Philip Van Buren.



Julie and Ken Wahl - January 20, 2020 at 10:27 AM

CR

“ My deepest sympathy to my colleague, Katie and her family. Sorry for your loss.

Cherry Reggio - January 20, 2020 at 08:38 AM

MA

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Martha - January 19, 2020 at 11:48 AM

BC

Perfect!

Bruce Chapman - January 20, 2020 at 08:33 AM

RP

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Robert Piscopo - January 18, 2020 at 09:53 PM

BC

Mullett Lake.... many fond memories!

Bruce Chapman - January 20, 2020 at 08:42 AM

DH

“ *I met Van thru bike riding at Stony Creek and always enjoyed seeing him and our meetings after the rides with the other tree people.*

Sorry for your families loss.

David Heilbrun

David Heilbrun - January 18, 2020 at 06:07 PM

MN

So sorry to hear about Van I too met him riding at stoney he really was Exceptional & kind

My condolence to his family I been trying to deal with my own loss Beverly my wife

mike nalu

Michael Nalu - January 18, 2020 at 08:47 PM

LG

Condolences to Rosa and entire family, very sorry for your loss. I met Rich (Van) cycling at Stony Creek Park in the late 70's, I was just a rookie rider, Rich took me under his wing and taught me all the basics of competitive cycling. We rode many thousands of miles at Stony with other friends who we still keep in touch with. Rich was friends with many at Stony it was like an extended family group and still is. But some of his favorite times were ridin the roads up north near the family cottage. There wasn't a road in northern Michigan he didn't know or ride on. Thanks Rich for all the great memories, will miss you much dear friend, R.I.P. Larry Goike

Larry Goike - January 19, 2020 at 02:34 PM

BC

Marilyn and I met Richard and Rosa back in the 1950's. I went to college with several guys who had been good friends of " Van," since high school. One of them, Bob Edwards, was on the Cooley High School Detroit Championship Football Team with Van. They were both starters and outstanding all city players!

Van and Rosa have been very dear friends for many years and we have had many wonderful adventures with them through the years. They are indeed good friends for life.... friends forever! Van, you will be deeply missed. Love always, Bruce & Marilyn Chapman

Bruce Chapman - January 20, 2020 at 08:30 AM