



Richard E. Yanasak

July 18, 1943 - January 19, 2020

Richard Edward Yanasak, resident of Warren, passed away on January 19th, 2020 at the age of 76.

Son of Anton and Veronica (Gawal) Yanasak, Richard was born in Detroit, Michigan, on July 18th, 1943. He attended Corpus Christi School from 1st through 8th grade, where his responsible and good nature resulted in being given important tasks. With great pride and delight, Richard, an altar server at his parish for many years, was given the task of ringing the morning bells for mass. He graduated from De La Salle High School, where he enjoyed being a member of the debate team, and went on to attend Wayne State University for 5 years. While there, Richard was a member of the university's rowing team, where he was the coxswain of an 8 member team. His job was to coordinate the rhythm and power of the rowers. He served in the Peace Corps for a year, in Africa, and upon his return to the US, was hired as a chemist for Udylite, a company that chrome plated automobile parts.

A lover of the fine arts, Richard enjoyed playing his bass guitar and listening to a wide variety of music, especially his beloved polkas. He appreciated art in all forms, and visited the DIA on a regular basis. Frequent walks and hikes were part of Richard's daily routine, and he loved being outdoors enjoying nature, never hesitating to take nieces and nephews with him. Road trips were often made to revel in the seasons at Bloomer State Park and Stony Creek

Metropark. Richard loved to travel and often took his nephews with him, especially on his trips to visit his brother Bob in California. There weren't fancy accommodations...just the chance to experience the joy of being outdoors and seeing sights perhaps not available to them. And of course, there was always family to be seen and enjoyed during the trips. As the nieces grew up and had households of their own, Richard often found beautiful pieces of crystal and decorative items to grace their homes, sharing his love of fine art with them.

Though never married, Richard found fulfillment in his siblings' families. He faithfully attended his many nieces' and nephews' special occasions, as well as their children's celebrations, and was an important and desired participant through the years. If a niece/nephew had a baptism, First Holy Communion, graduation or wedding, the family knew Richard would be at there if at all possible, and this dedication to his extended family continued through the next generation.

Predeceased by his parents and sister, Geraldine Benczik, Richard is survived by two sisters, Joan Superczynski and Dorothy Mazurkiewicz, and two brothers, Robert Yanasak and Gary Yanasak. Beloved by his family, Richard is also survived by 7 nephews and 6 nieces, their spouses, and numerous great nephews and nieces.

God bless our dear Richard – we will miss his kind and loving heart, and generosity.

Previous Events

Scripture Service

JAN 23. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate

JAN 24. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Irenaeus Catholic Church
771 Old Perch Rd.
Rochester Hills, MI

Mass of the Christian Burial

JAN 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard E. Yanasak*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Richard E. Yanasak*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



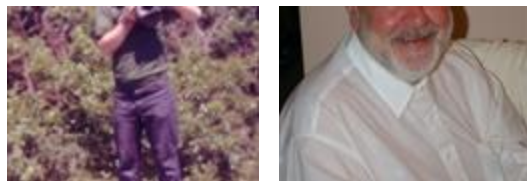
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Steve Mazurkiewicz - January 13, 2021 at 03:09 PM



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Steve Mazurkiewicz - January 13, 2021 at 01:05 PM

SM

“ Rest well Godfather. Your days of struggle are ended and all hope and prayers have you seated in the presence of God for eternity. We love you and miss you and you will not be forgotten.



Steve Mazurkiewicz - January 13, 2021 at 12:48 PM

BM

“ Sorry to hear about Dick's passing on. He worked with me on the wells in Africa. He was great fun to be with, always looking for that double entente, the meaning behind the meaning. I have just written up my Peace Corps report and have a photo of Dick sitting on a pile of drift logs by the Niger River, and another of him dancing with 'the old lady who brought the water.' He got into it. Maybe a bit too much because he and I explored local cultural phenomena always probing for hidden meanings, and this must have become unsettling. I apologize for my part in it. We did have a long talk about all this about four years after we returned. We made many visits to well digging sites together. The Africans loved him. They loved his energy and his offbeat humor. I had no idea he had passed. I feel sure he is in a better place than we are. Not many of us left, Buck McAdoo

Buck McAdoo - September 03, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard E. Yanasak.*



January 23, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard E. Yanasak.*



January 22, 2020 at 08:38 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard E. Yanasak.*



January 21, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ *Your brother, Bob purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard E. Yanasak.*



Your brother, Bob - January 21, 2020 at 04:13 PM

JJ

“ *Jill, Freddie, Eliana Pilipuf and Dawn Jagielski purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Richard E. Yanasak.*



Jill, Freddie, Eliana Pilipuf and Dawn Jagielski - January 21, 2020 at 12:50 PM