



Richard Christian

April 3, 1927 - October 24, 2008

Richard "Dick" Christian, born April 3, 1927 in Queens NY, died October 24, 2008 in Huntsville. A US Navy and US Air Force veteran, Dick faithfully served his country during World War II and the Korean War. Dick was a man of many talents: coach, business owner, gardener, mechanic, builder, entrepreneur, Special Education teacher, and most especially husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Remaining to cherish his memory are his high school sweetheart and wife of more than 62 years, Jane Forshay Christian, children Jane Finney and her husband Thomas of Huntsville, Kathy Shackelford and her husband Jim of Indianapolis IN, Joanne Smith and her husband Steve of Valparaiso IN, Rich Christian and his wife Amy of Conroe, and John Christian and his wife Karla of Huntsville. Also surviving are grandchildren and great-grandchildren John, Leah, Laurence, David, and Kaylee Finney of Midway; Chris and Erica Hart of Auburn IN; Ginnie Hart of Fort Wayne IN; Charytie, Richard, Brittanie, and Kyle Oliver of Conroe; Tiffanie, John, Daniel, Summer, and Bethanie Massey of Conroe, and Todd Christian of Huntsville; brother Val Christian of Salem OR; and sisters Bette Cooper of Orchard Lake MI and Tina Finnegan of Sacramento CA. Preceding him in death were daughter Patricia, granddaughter Jessica Christian, and brothers Bill and David. At his request, Dick will be buried at sea with military honors; the family will celebrate his life in a private gathering. The family offers their sincerest gratitude to Dr. Larry Wells and the staffs of Huntsville Memorial Hospital, Ella Smither Geriatric Center, and Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home for caring for Dick, and to

our friends and loved ones for your prayers and support. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Christian*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Jane,*

I was so sorry to hear about Dick's death...I remember so many years ago when we were in nursing school and you kept talking about him...when we FINALLY got to meet this wonderful man...he lived up to everything you said about him and more...he wasw a true gentle giant and loved his family...my prayers and thoughts are with you and the family during this time and if you need anything please feel free to let me know. Yours in Peace and Serenity...Terri and John

Terri Bohanon and John-Randall - November 04, 2008 at 01:20 PM



“ *Todd,*
I'm sorry for your loss. You're in my prayers.

Thomas Zaiontz - November 02, 2008 at 06:47 PM



“ *My love and prayers are with you all. I will miss Pop Pop also. Thank you for including the wonderful picture of him.*

Linda

Linda Byrd [Ms Linda] - October 28, 2008 at 10:34 PM