



## Richard M. D'Antonio, Sr.

January 3, 1935 - July 22, 2024

Richard M. D'Antonio, Sr. a devoted husband, loving father, and proud veteran, passed away peacefully on July 22, 2024 at the age of 89, surrounded by his family in his home in Riviera Beach, Maryland.

Richard was born in Baltimore on January 3, 1935 to Joseph and Mildred D'Antonio. He attended Southern High School, graduating with the Class of 1954. Shortly after graduation, Richard enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served his country honorably for 8 years.

During his time at Southern High School, Richard met the love of his life, Irene Reina. They married on January 2, 1954, and shared an extraordinary bond spanning 70 wonderful years. Together, they were blessed with three children: Vanessa, Michael, and Anthony.

Richard was known for his strong work ethic and dedication to his family. He spent 39 years with Westinghouse Electric Corporation in their Department of Defense specializing in the manufacturing of AWACS Radar Systems. Outside of his career, Richard cherished spending time with Irene and their children, creating lasting memories that will be treasured forever. His kindness,

generosity, and unwavering love touched the lives of all who knew him.

In addition to his role as a loving husband and father, Richard had a passion for his hometown teams, The Baltimore Orioles and Baltimore Ravens. He enjoyed keeping their property nicely manicured, woodworking, and helping others with handyman jobs. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, his warm heart, and his steadfast commitment to his loved ones.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife Irene; his children Vanessa and her husband, Jack, Michael, and his wife Sheila, and Anthony and his wife, Buffy; grandchildren Heather and her husband, Michael, Joshua, and his wife Cheryl, Jordan, and her husband, Joseph, Gabrielle and her husband, Jake, Julia and her significant other, Matheo, and great grandchildren, Kyle, Sullivan, Dominic, Alyssa, Charli, and Griffin. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mildred D'Antonio, his sister Jackie, and his brother Donald.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made to your local animal shelter, in memory of Richard M. D'Antonio, Sr.

Richard will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His legacy of love, integrity, and strength will continue to inspire us all.

“Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.”

# Tribute Wall

LG

“ *When you look down from up above..you will see your tree that was planted with love!*

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**Love Always Sue & Don Grady** - July 30, 2024 at 12:02 PM

SD

“ *Mr. Rich, I met you so long ago and from the very beginning you welcomed me into the family. I quickly learned how loving and giving you were as well as the strong bond you shared with them. You were an amazing husband, father, father in-law and grandfather. Your hugs and kisses will forever be missed. Rest in peace knowing your legacy lives on through your children and grandchildren. Until we meet again.*

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**Sheila D'Antonio** - July 28, 2024 at 09:14 AM

LP

“ *Uncle Rich was such a pleasure to know. Always welcoming with a warm hug and a big smile. You will be sorely missed. May he Rest In Paradise.*

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**Lisa Micheal Peeler** - July 27, 2024 at 08:55 AM

RW

“ *My heart goes out to the entire family. What a blessing to have known Rich, a warm and wonderful person*

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**Rose Warns** - July 26, 2024 at 05:02 PM

LT

“ Words can't express how sorry we are at Mr Rich's passing. He was such a lovely man with the biggest smile and sparkling eyes with a hint of mischief. I always remember whenever we would see Mr. Rich and Ms. Irene there was so much warmth and love. Mr. Rich would embrace you in a strong hug with genuine concern and it was like an embrace from my own Dad. He touched so many lives with his kindness and loving spirit. We now send our love and prayers to all his family for God's grace and comfort at this time.

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**Lisa Henderson Tomaszewski** - July 26, 2024 at 02:46 PM

DD

“ A man who truly loved his family. His smile lit up the room. Rest in peace Rich. Donna Dunn

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**Donna Dunn** - July 26, 2024 at 09:39 AM

SH

“ Uncle Richard,  
You have always been special to me. I will miss you. You always put a smile on my face. I love you.  
Your niece,  
Sandi

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**sandra Helphenstine** - July 25, 2024 at 07:36 PM

AD

“Dad, you were my “real life” hero. You taught me through your everyday actions how to be a good person, how to make a difference, and how to be a man. You did everything with precision, care, and discipline. You never liked attention and you could do without all of the fanfare. You didn’t expect anything from anyone, and this is something I have carried with me throughout my life.

When you were needed, you jumped right in to help – whether someone asked or not, you just did what was right. From shoveling a neighbor’s driveway and sidewalk, to carrying someone’s trash cans back to secure them on their property. The little things are the big things...and you always took care of whatever was necessary. Yours was a beautiful life with 70 years married to our Mom... she was without a doubt, your everything. I loved watching you watch Mom do anything. You always looked so happy to just see her – and you taught us how to love her like she deserves to be loved.

You made countless sacrifices for us and always put your family first. You worked hard. You coached us, you supported us, and you always made us proud. If someone was in your circle, you would do anything for them. You were an inspiration, a kind soul, and someone that everyone who knew you could count on. Thank you for all that you gave and for always being there for us. We love you and we will think of you every single day until we see you again.

“One of the greatest lessons I learned from my dad was to make sure your children know that you love them.”

— Al Roker

Love,  
Tony and Buffy

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Anthony Michael D'Antonio - July 25, 2024 at 05:22 PM

BD

“A loving husband, Dad and grandfather. You always treated me like a daughter. I will miss all our hugs and kisses. Thank you for all of your unconditional love. 🦋☐

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Buffy DAntonio - July 25, 2024 at 03:21 PM

KR

“ A trip to Uncle Rich & Aunt Irene's house was always something to look forward to, both as a child and even in adulthood. When they hugged or kissed you, you know they meant it -- It was never superfluous. When they fed you (which was every time you visited), it was always nurturing and with love. When they spoke with you, it was always with meaning and interest. It's hard to see half of this dynamic duo leave this world, but their memories, personalities and love continue to live every day in their children (my cousins), who welcome you just as they always did. The only thing close to a hug from Uncle Rich or a kiss from Aunt Irene is a hug from Michael or Tony, or a big wet kiss from Vanessa.

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**Khris Reina** - July 25, 2024 at 10:37 AM

BL

“ Sending condolences to the families of Richard M. D'Antonio, Sr. In the arms of the Lord is where he is now and forever, RIP. John and Brenda Lodenkemper

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**Brenda Lodenkemper** - July 25, 2024 at 10:27 AM

TR

“ Watching him eat and stay thin. Yet just the way he was a father. If ever a guide to how to be a father was , Rich and what he did as a father would be the guide for every man to read. His love of family and his being there for all was his way of life. He was my guide on how to be a father and “Fred” always was there when needed.

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**Tony Reina** - July 25, 2024 at 09:39 AM

TR

“ *My fondest Memory of Rich is that he was the essence of what a father was suppose to be. He taught his children value of family. Always there for them and always working to make their lives better. He was also there for extended family as he when needed would be there for you. Yes “Fred” was a real father and always there for all. Rich was one who never asked for fame or need for anyone to say how great he was. Rich just did, showed me how to be a father and a man. He will be missed*

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**Tony Reina** - July 25, 2024 at 09:25 AM

VF

“ *Richard M. D'Antonio, Sr.*

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**Vanessa Feeheley** - July 25, 2024 at 09:19 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Richard M. D'Antonio, Sr.** - July 24, 2024 at 01:00 PM