



Fred J. Rich

April 18, 1938 - May 1, 2024

Fred J. Rich, age 86, passed away peacefully on Wednesday May 1, 2024 at The Ghent Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Ghent, N.Y. He was surrounded by his daughters as he was called home to The Lord.

Born in Athens, N.Y. in 1938 to Joseph and Lena (Vendriesco) Rich, Fred served in the Army Reserves and was a member of the American Legion, Elks and Hudson Power Boat Association. After a 43 year career ending in retirement as a Captain in NYS Corrections, he continued on to work for Peckham Industries.

He was a proud father and devoted friend to many.

He is survived by his daughters, Rachel (Adam) and Leah (Jayson), his 3 grandchildren Schuyler, Sophia and Elijah and his niece, Donna and nephew, Kevin.

Besides his parents, Fred is predeceased by his former wife Ann, his brother, Joseph and sister in law Connie.

Visitation for family and friends will be on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 from 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon at Richards Funeral Home of the Mid- Hudson Vallley, Inc., 29 Bross Street, Cairo., N.Y., 12413.

A celebration of life will be at 11:45 A.M. at the funeral home following the visitation. Interment will follow in the family plot of The Athens Rural Cemetery, 16 N. Church Street, Athens, N.Y., 12015.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Fred's name to

The Community Hospice of Columbia/Greene Counties, 47 Liberty Street,
Catskill, N.Y., 12414.

Condolences and memories may be offered at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Cemetery Details

Athens Rural Cemetery

16 N. Church St.
Athens , NY 12015

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Cairo
P.O. Box # 383
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

GM

“ Fred was my father's (George Mechler) best friend. Back in the late 60s and early 70s Fred and my father would drag race their Oldsmobiles at Lebanon Valley Dragway. Lot's of great memories, Fred picked me up on his new Harley in 1969 and we rode to Woodstock to see what it was all about. Rest in Peace Fred.....



George Mechler - May 05, 2025 at 01:59 PM

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“ From, Liz Dom Elliana & Emmy Bucci purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Fred J. Rich.



From, Liz Dom Elliana & Emmy Bucci - May 05, 2024 at 11:38 AM



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Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - May 05, 2024 at 10:13 AM

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“ Richards Funeral Home sent a virtual gift in memory of Fred J. Rich



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We extend our condolences to The Family of Fred J. Rich.

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“ Adrienne lit a candle in memory of Fred J. Rich



Adrienne - May 03, 2024 at 11:08 AM

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“ *Dina lit a candle in memory of Fred J. Rich*



Dina - May 02, 2024 at 06:48 AM