



Richard Peter Kowalski

June 26, 1941 - December 13, 2017

Cohoes NY,

Richard Peter Kowalski Sr., 76, of Cohoes, passed away peacefully on December 13, 2017 after a long illness. He was surrounded by his family.

Richard is survived by his wife of 54 years, Lorraine (LaBeau) Kowalski of Cohoes; his children Richard Kowalski Jr. of Cohoes, Lisa (Steve) Watts of Porter Corners, Laura Lin of Clifton Park, and Michael Kowalski of Clifton Park; his grandchildren Tarra Kowalski, Sean (Trisha) Mahoney, Alec (Chelsea) LaFleur, Ashley Lin, Ryan Lin, Matthew Kowalski, and Mitchell Kowalski. Other survivors include Lois LeBeau, Linda LaBeau, Francis (Tanya) LaBeau, Fred (Carol) Bestle, Ginny (Bill) Zullo, multiple nieces and nephews, great grand children, and their dog Max. Richard was pre-deceased by his parents Peter and Marianna Kowalski, his brother Victor Kowalski, his grandson Trevor Lin, and Joe Bestle.

Richard was born on June 26, 1941 in Soest, Germany. He immigrated to the United States after World War II. He graduated from Keveny High School in Cohoes in 1960. After high school he served 3 years with the U.S. ARMY where he reached the rank of E-5. During his tenure he specialized as an interpreter. After his discharge from the military he attended Hudson Valley Community College and SUNY Albany and worked in various sales positions

in the capital district.

He married his high school sweet heart on November 30, 1963. Together they enjoyed taking long drives on the motorcycle and drinking coffee along the way. Richard also loved playing the accordion, the guitar and singing along to his favorite songs.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 1PM at Marra Funeral Home, 246 Remsen Street, Cohoes. Interment will follow at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to attend calling hours, 11am-1pm prior to services at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Richards name to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY 12871
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/geraldbhso
lomonsaratoga.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/geraldbhso
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Previous Events

Visitation

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

Marra Funeral Home
246 Remsen Street
Cohoes, NY 12047
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Service

DEC **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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