



Mr. Richard "Dick" Mierzejewski

August 12, 1930 - April 28, 2012

Richard (Dick) Mierzejewski 81 of 280 Onota Street, Pittsfield MA passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, April 28, 2012, surrounded by his wife and children. Born on August 12, 1930 to the late Victor and Catherine (Pyrzanowski) Mierzejewski, he was a 1948 graduate of Pittsfield High School and attended Compton College in Compton California. Upon completion of high school Dick worked at the Elmvale Worsted Mills and General Electric, and was a talented basketball player with the Wahconah All Stars that played in and around Berkshire County.

Dick served in the United States Navy aboard the USSTE Chandler during the Korean Conflict from 1951-1954. Upon his return to Pittsfield he joined the US Coast Guard Reserves where he was honorably discharged in 1961.

On September 13, 1958, Dick married Jane (Cavanaugh) at the Polish Falcons where they first met. He is survived by Jane and his four children - Susan Palmer (husband Howell) of Vestal, NY; Brenda Pennels (husband Toby) of Windham, ME , Thomas Mierzejewski (wife Cathy) of Hanson, MA; and Cheryl McClusky (husband Steve) of Pittsfield. He will be dearly missed by his ten grandchildren Jason Mierzejewski, Sarah Sperber, Daniel and Travis Palmer, Taylor, Jordan and Shawn Pennels, Cameron and Hannah McClusky, and Corey Devos, and one great grandchild, Myles Levardi. He is also survived by his sister Catherine Mlynarczyk of Pittsfield, and felt

especially privileged to assist her in the loving care and upbringing of her three sons, Edziu, Ernest, and Joseph Mlynarczyk upon the death of her husband and Dick's best friend, Edward K. Mlynarczyk. in 1965. He enjoyed a very close relationship with all of his nieces and nephews and was recently blessed with two great great nieces, Zoey Teutsch and Jordyn Mlynarczyk. He was preceded in death by his sister Rita Egan of Manchester CT and her daughter Elizabeth Gould.

A Master Electrician, Dick was founder, owner, and operator of Kent Electric, an electrical contracting business that served many people in the Berkshires and surrounding areas. Having been in business for over 53 years Dick was especially pleased that advertising was never used and his clientele was entirely word of mouth. Through the years, Dick taught and employed dozens of young apprentices who went on to work successfully in the trade, but he was most proud to be able to train and work with his son Thomas Mierzejewski, son-in-law Steven McClusky, grandsons Cameron McClusky and Jason Mierzejewski, nephews, Edziu, Ernest, and Joseph Mlynarczyk, and grand nephews, Nicholas, Matthew, and Luke Mlynarczyk. Matthew and Nicholas Mlynarczyk have worked for Kent Electric for the past 15 years and were instrumental in his daily care for the past many months.

Dick was a life-long member of the Polish Falcons, Nest 580, having served as President, Vice President, and on the Board of Directors. He was awarded the Gold Legion of Honor, the highest award bestowed on a member, for his dedication and service to the organization. He was actively involved in many activities throughout the Falcons, including shuffleboard tournaments which raised funds for the organization's youth events. Dick and Jane shared a love and talent for shuffleboard, playing in tournaments from San Antonio, TX to Plattsburgh, NY. They were also accomplished dancers, and enjoyed dancing

and teaching dance at the So-Ed Dance Club and the Polish Falcons.

A gifted accordionist, Dick especially enjoyed the holidays where he would play Christmas Carols for shut-ins and residents of nursing homes and rehab centers.

Richard and his wife enjoyed wintering in San Antonio Texas since 1999. In addition to the Polish Falcons, he was a member of the Polish Community Club, Fraternal Order of the Elks, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Funeral Notice

Mr. Richard V. Mierzejewski died April 28th. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday May 2nd at 8am from DWYER Funeral Home with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at Saint Joseph's church celebrated by Reverend Msgr Michael Shershanowicz, pastor. Calling hours will be at Dwyer Funeral Home Tuesday May 1st, 4-8pm. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Polish Falcon's Nest 580 Youth Program, and Hospice of Western Massachusetts, care of Dwyer Funeral home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA 01201.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ON THIS WEBSITE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Cheryl and family,
Please accept my sincere condolences for the
loss of your Dad. He was a wonderful,
talented man who will be greatly missed. My
thoughts and prayers are with you and your
family. Love, Karen Myers-Muzzy



Karen Myers- Muzzy - May 06, 2012 at 02:07 PM

RK

“ Rebecca Knox lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Richard "Dick" Mierzejewski



Rebecca Knox - May 01, 2012 at 04:55 PM

RK

*My condolences to the families of my former students in Lenox; Travis & Dan Palmer and Cameron McClusky. When I saw the photo of young Grampa in the paper, I could see a resemblance to Dan & Cameron. I hope I have the right family.
I didn't know of the Polish heritage, which I share. God bless you all.
Mrs. Knox*

Rebecca Knox - May 01, 2012 at 05:03 PM

MW

“ Dear Jane and Family,

We are so saddened by Dick's death. Bill, Susan, Mike and I were all just chatting online about how much we enjoyed his stories and accordion playing at our Polish family reunions and watching the two of you dance! He was such a kind and forgiving soul with a positive outlook on life. He LIVED life! We have lost a wonderful cousin who will be truly and deeply missed.

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Love,
Maureen & Allen
Bill & Luanne
Susan & Kurt
Mike Hogan
(also known as Jack & Zenia's kids)*

Maureen Wallace - May 01, 2012 at 04:15 PM

MH

“ *Jane and family, I am so sorry to hear that Dick is gone, he will be missed at the family reunion this year and for years to come. Our prayers are with you. - Mike ,Ryan and Sarah Hogan*

Michael Hogan - May 01, 2012 at 10:29 AM

JP

“ *I first met Dick while we served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves. He was always friendly and a gentlemen. He was a first class electrician, fair and honest with his customers always. Both he and Ed Krell {the plumber} made a great team; they did various jobs for me over the years. Dick was truly a wonderful person, I shall miss him. My deepest condolences go out to his family. Sincerely, Dick Pizzuto, North Adams, Ma.*

J. Richard Pizzuto - April 30, 2012 at 05:34 PM

MS

“ *Dearest Sue and Family-*

Sending deepest condolences and comfort from our family to yours at this difficult time. With greatest love, Maria Stuart



maria stuart - April 30, 2012 at 03:20 PM