



Richard J. Kowalski

June 21, 1947 - October 23, 2022

Richard John Kowalski died during the night of October 22-23 at the Veterans' Hospital in Tampa, Fla. He was a son of Marion John and Sara June (Higbee) Kowalski, born June 21, 1947, at Columbus, Ohio.

Rick attended New Albany High School and was a US Air Force veteran of Viet Nam. After the Air Force, he graduated from Ohio State University with an accounting degree in 1974 and later became a CPA, auditing for a number of departments in the US Government—in Ohio, the US Virgin Islands, Virginia, as well as traveling assignments. He retired from the Department of the Navy and moved to Lakeland, Fla., in 1999. There he enjoyed meeting other veterans at the VFW and golfing, cooking, history, gardening, and electronics. He was passionate about Ohio State football and not afraid of using a sewing machine when needed.

Rick married Linda Seum and had one son, Richard, who died in February 2021 in Phoenix. Rick later married Linda (Dickley) Miller who died in 1996 in Chesapeake, Va., and Judith Green.

He was preceded in death by his youngest brother, John, in 2009, and is survived by three siblings, Mike of Sunnyvale, Calif., Marian of Watertown, Mass., and June of Lakeland, Fla.; and nephews and niece, Michael, Chris and Steve Kowalski, and Amy (Kowalski) Walker; grandnieces and grandnephews, Emily Kowalski, Kayna Walker, Kiara Walker, Hayden Kowalski, and Kyle Kowalski.

Rick asked to be buried at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

There will be a brief service there at 11am on Thursday, 17 November, followed by a friendly gathering at the Lakeland VFW Post 8002, at 9398 US Hwy 98 N. Friends and family are respectfully invited to attend.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Ave.
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Committal Service w/ Military Honors

NOV **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MK

“ Kim, Brenda, Carolyn, Bonnie, and Cindy--Thank you so much for your kindness. I was surprised and touched to "hear" such sweet voices from home at a time when most things seem bleak. You've lifted our hearts. I hope you and your families are all well and can be together soon.

Marian Kowalski

Marian Kowalski - November 15, 2022 at 11:00 PM

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“ Condolences to his entire family. I enjoyed this family immensely. They are a kind, caring , and compassionate family. May love,support, and kindness surround you as you adjust to this loss.Kim Gayton Norton

kim norton - November 13, 2022 at 03:01 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our Father's worked together at Timkin Roller Bearing Company in Columbus Ohio. We lived near by and visted your family offen. Yes, we all went to New Albany Schools and enjoyed participating in all of the activities. You were such a wonderful family and I know you miss miss him dearly.

*RIP dear friend and NAHS Alumni
The Van Bibber Girls (Brenda class of '67, Carolyn class of '69 & Bonnie class of '71)*

Carolyn V. Morgan - November 13, 2022 at 02:08 PM

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“ *Kowalski Family we are saddened by the passing of Rick. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

-Cindy Wickiser Gerdes

Cindy Gerdes - November 13, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard J. Kowalski.*



November 12, 2022 at 06:10 PM