



Richard Allen Faloon

June 3, 1943 - February 14, 2024

Richard Allen Faloon, 80, formerly of Howland, ME, and longtime resident of Syracuse, NY, passed away Wednesday, February 14, with family by his side, after being diagnosed with dementia.

Richard was born June 3, 1943, the third of four sons born to Lucille and Stephen Faloon. Richard grew up in a house filled with love and laughter, and he graduated from Howland High School in 1961. He played trumpet in marching band and was the starting center on the basketball team. He liked to joke about being the tallest player on the team at a towering six feet. He was also voted “most likely to succeed,” though he never mentioned this to his children (who only learned of this accolade when looking at Richard’s yearbook).

Richard was among the first generation of Faloons to attend college, entering the University of Maine at Orono in 1961. During his undergraduate years he made countless visits to Pat’s Pizza, and he brushed elbows, literally, with President John F. Kennedy when the president visited campus. More importantly, Orono is where he met his future wife Mary Catherine Faloon, maiden name Foote. Richard also joined ROTC and served a tour of duty in Vietnam during 1966-1967. He was stationed in Cam Ranh Bay and led convoys as part of the 36th Transportation Battalion. Richard was proud of his service and always grateful when people acknowledged the ever-present

“Vietnam Veteran” cap that he wore. After returning stateside, he relocated to Syracuse, NY and began working as a manufacturers’ sales representative in the plumbing industry. He loved living in Central New York. He was active in community theater and became an enthusiastic fan of Syracuse University’s football and basketball teams.

Richard was a talented guitarist who later taught himself how to play keyboards. He also sang backing vocals and performed with bands such as Strawberry Jam and Middle of the Road. His love of music rubbed on his family and his favorite singers included Willie Nelson and Ray Charles. He also loved movies, especially comedies, and passed along his love for luminaries such as Mel Brooks.

Richard is survived by his brother Steve Faloon, his former spouse Mary Catharine Faloon and their three sons, Mike, Patrick, and Casey, along with his former spouse Caroline Pierce and her two children, Catherine, and Jeff. In addition, Richard was proud of his grandchildren, Maggie, Sean, Liam, Olivia, and Noah.

Calling Hours will be Wednesday, February 21 from 4 to 6 PM at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St., Camillus, NY. Services and burial with military honors will be Thursday, February 22 at 9 AM at Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Onondaga, NY.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to DAV Transport, c/o VAMC, 800 Irving Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210.

Please sign his guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home
10 W. Genesee Street
Camillus, NY 13031
(315) 672-3400
info@bushfuneralhome.com
<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

Service

FEB **22**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Onondaga County Veterans Cemetery - Chapel
4069 Howlett Hill Rd
Syracuse, NY 13215
(315) 484-1564
<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/Houston.asp>

Tribute Wall

DK

“ On behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Comfort Tyler Chapter (Syracuse), we send our condolences to the family.

Forget Me Not

*Don't remember me not with sadness,
Don't remember me with tears,
Remember all the laughter,
We've shared throughout the years,
Now I am contented,
That my life it was worthwhile.
Knowing that I passed along the way,
I made somebody smile,
When you are walking down the street,
And you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps,
Only half a step behind,
So please don't be unhappy,
Just because I'm out of sight,
Remember that I'm with you,
Each morning, noon, and night.*

D. Kleinwaks - March 16, 2024 at 08:44 PM

DZ

“ My sincere sympathy to Dick's Family. He was a joy, and always had that smile on his face. My best

David Ziemba - February 21, 2024 at 02:19 PM

JM

“ I did not know Richard, but I saw in the reading of the tribute that he was a proud Vietnam Vet. Well, I am proud of him also, and grateful for the service of MEN like him. I offer to you all my sincere condolences, and to his memory, RESPECT, MUCH RESPECT.

JIM MICHAUD - February 17, 2024 at 02:34 PM

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“ Some of my fondest memories were camping at Vandercamp with our group back when the kids were growing up. I can hear your Dad yelling to Mary Kate, "Queenie, get over here!". I remember clearly at night by the campfire when he showed us that he could light his farts on fire! I hated when he left Mary Kate, but he surely was a bright light in my memories! Condolences to Faloon boys.
Carolyn and Murray Hall

Carolyn Hall - February 17, 2024 at 10:51 AM