

# Richard Francis Shields

February 22, 1924 ~ December 6, 2022

Richard (Dick) Francis Shields died peacefully on December 6, 2022. Dick was born on February 22, 1924, to Sylvester Francis and Lily (Cromack) Shields at the NAS hospital in Pensacola, Florida. Dick joined the United States Navy at the age of 17, serving on the destroyer, Decatur. He then served in the United States Army Air Force during World War II as a Sperryball gunner on a B-24. Dick was extremely proud of his service and enjoyed



regaling his grandchildren with stories of his time in the service. It was during the war that Dick met the love of his life, Rubelle Shields. They were married July 12, 1945. Together they raised four children: Richard Bruce, Renee Gale, Rochelle Jan, and Robin Jon. For most of his career Dick was as a truck driver, first delivering Falstaff beer throughout Saint Charles County for Oscar Talley, later delivering cars to Montana, Florida, and all states in between with Associated Transport, then delivering gas for Uregas, and for many years delivering mail and other supplies locally for McDonnell Douglas Corporation.

Dick's grandchildren remember their adventures with him on camping trips, his stories of the war, his model trains, his stained glass creations, and his famous bbq burgers. Dick was especially proud of his time as a scouter in Troup 351 of the Boy Scouts of America, and was the recipient of The Bronze Pelican, an award given to those who give outstanding service to Catholic Scouting. When Dick and Rubelle retired, they spent many years as winter Texans, and traveled the country in their travel trailer.

Dick is survived by his children: Bruce Shields (Nancy), Rochelle Hord (Terry), Rob Shields (Jo), and Dave Drake. He is also survived by his special nephews and nieces: Tom Watson, Lynn Roverud, Kevin Oberdick, Marsha Petri, and Susie Myers. Dick is also survived by 11 grandchildren: Julia

Dumenigo (Jayson), Megan Ziegler (Todd), Mark Helling (Stephanie), Sarah Hord, Daniel Linton (Heather), Kevin Hord (Courtney), Tiffany Kubernat (Rick), Anna Shields (Kara), Michael Shields (Lee), Nicholas Shields (Alyce), and Benjamin Shields (Claire). Dick is also survived by his 25 great-grandchildren: Alexandra, Paige, and Hannah Dumenigo, Mason Ziegler, Makenzie, Bethany, and Sebastian Helling, Owen and Augustus Gantner, Chloe, Audrey, and Morgan Linton, Jayden Powers, Evan Hord, Braedon and Mya Bella Roland, Peter, Faryn, and Dafydd Shields, Henry, Elliott, Brendan, and Miriam Shields, and Charlie and Evelyn Shields.

Dick is preceded in death by his beloved wife of almost 77 years, Rubelle Shields, his daughter, Renee Shields, his brother, James (Jim) Shields, and his sister, Jacqueline (Jackie) Rosequist.

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