



Richard Mechling Garrard

February 2, 1936 - September 23, 2019

RICHARD MECHLING GARRARD, 83, of Foxburg, Pa. passed away Monday evening (09-23-19) at UPMC-Mercy in Pgh. following a brief illness.

Born in Butler, Pa. on February 2, 1936, he was the son of the late Richard Garrard and Kitty Harper Garrard Christy.

He was a 1954 graduate of Butler High School, earned a Bachelor's Degree in an eastern Pennsylvania college, and later a Master's Degree in Political Science from Youngstown University.

He was an Honorably Discharged veteran of service with the U.S. Army and was a member of American Legion Post 66 of Clarion.

Dick was an active member of the Foxburg United Methodist Church.

At the time of his passing, he was serving his second term as Mayor of Foxburg Borough. Active in local and regional political affairs, he was long involved with the Republican Party.

Dick was self-employed all his adult life, with ownership at one time with Foxburg Canoe and Livery and in earlier years with Foxburg Inn on the Allegheny.

He is survived by his wife, the former Nancy L. Sheldon; two daughters: Beth Ann (James) Tedeski of Foxburg and Karen (Jack) Butler of St. Petersburg; one son: Christopher (Tammy) Arnold of Sarver; three grandchildren: Robert and David Tedeski and Sarah Butler; four great-grandchildren: Ethan, Charlotte, Sydney, and James Tedeski; one sister-in-law: Lee Garrard of

Villages, FL., formerly of Butler; a number of nieces and nephews including Eric Garrard.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother Robert Garrard.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, October 5, 2019, at 1100 AM in the Foxburg United Methodist Church, So. Palmer Ave., Foxburg, Pa. Members of VFW and American Legion Posts of Parker will begin the memorial service at 11 AM with a Veterans Memorial Recognition.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Foxburg United Methodist Church

Military Honors

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Foxburg United Methodist Church

Tribute Wall

JH

“ To Nancy, family & friends,

The memorial service, today, was a testament of how much of an impact Dick had on many people. My heart goes out to each of you in your time of loss. Dick and I had only known each other, as mayors, for a brief time, but he instantly became my mentor. In that brief time, we got to know each other quite well. Many of the things he said will resonate, in me, for many years to come. His service for community and our valley region is one in which it will be hard to follow.

Much love,

*Mayor Jamie Hunt
Borough of Emlenton*

Jamie Hunt - October 05, 2019 at 10:03 PM

BL

“ Nancy and family,

So sorry for your loss. Dick loved and was dedicated to his community. We will miss all he did for Foxburg. God is near to the broken hearted. Praying for God's healing touch at this time.

Betsy Lander - October 05, 2019 at 07:26 AM

CW

“ *It was my pleasure to work in tourism with Dick for many years. He was always willing to pass along his wisdom to those new to the business. he will be missed. Carla Wehler, Elk Country Visitor Center (Vice President, Pa Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau BOD)*

Carla Wehler - September 30, 2019 at 06:45 PM



Deborah
Piroch

“ Mom and I were very saddened to hear of the passing of Dick. I had spoken to him recently here in Foxburg and he seemed to be doing well. Know that he and your family are in our prayers at this difficult time.



Deborah Piroch - September 30, 2019 at 03:38 PM

KI

“ He was like a father to me, I will never forget the life lessons he taught.



Kitty - September 27, 2019 at 10:53 AM

WW

“ WILDA STROUP & PEARL WALKER lit a candle in memory of Richard Mechling Garrard



WILDA STROUP & PEARL WALKER - September 26, 2019 at 01:33 PM