



## Richard D. Bekelya

July 16, 1936 - November 25, 2019

Richard D. Bekelya, age 83, passed away Monday, November 25, 2019 at North Collier Hospital, Naples, FL.

Rich was born in Gary, IN on July 16th 1936 to John and Anna Bekelya. He resided in Naples, Florida for the last 18 years where he enjoyed the sunshine and warm weather. He also enjoyed spending his summers at Jellystone Park, Pierceton, IN where he loved relaxing at the campground. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 45 years, Bonnie (Rosenbalm) Bekelya.

Survivors include sister, Irene Weger, daughter, Debbie Nevitt of Merrillville, and sons, John (Ana) Bekelya of Valparaiso, Scott (Lori) Rosenbalm of Valparaiso, and Mark (Kelly) Rosenbalm of Naples, Florida.

Preceded in death by his parents, John and Anna, sisters, Margaret Suhr, Olga Wilson, Yvonne Drysdale, and Pauline Muraida, and son-in-law Joe Nevitt.

Proud grandfather of ten grandchildren: Amanda, Kara and Jacob, Harris (Shelby), Holly, Kaitlyn, Michael, Joshua, Ryne and Markie Lynn.

Richard was a 1954 graduate of Lew Wallace High School in Gary. He was a retired Electrician and a member of the Local 697 Electrician Union for 62 years, a "Gold Card" member of the Gary Sportsman Club, Croatian Club, and the Knights of Columbus.

Rich was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. He always supported his children and grandchildren during their sports and activities. Rich loved the holidays while watching the Hallmark Channel.

Friends may visit with the family on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

DEC 7. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point

10101 Broadway

Crown Point, IN 46307

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard D. Bekelya.*



December 07, 2019 at 11:30 AM



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December 06, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ *So sorry to hear Debbie, Amanda and family. Praying for all.*



**John/Jennifer Shutts** - December 06, 2019 at 12:30 PM



*Bonnie, I am so sorry to hear this news. You were blessed to be with him for 45 years! I wish I could attend the funeral, but I am out of the area! Know that I will pray for you and your family at this time.*

*Maryann*

**maryann foster** - December 07, 2019 at 09:08 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard D. Bekelya.*



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December 04, 2019 at 01:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard D. Bekelya.*



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December 03, 2019 at 10:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard D. Bekelya.*



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December 03, 2019 at 07:33 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard D. Bekelya.*



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December 02, 2019 at 06:11 PM