



Richard John Velasco

June 19, 1938 - October 16, 2024

Richard John Velasco, age 86, formerly of Gary, Merrillville and Lakes of the Four Seasons passed away at the Indiana University Hospital in Bloomington, Indiana, while recovering from an illness and eventually a fall. Richard "Ric" was born on June 19, 1938, in Gary, Indiana, to the late John C. Velasco and June Velasco (Thomas, Frasca). Richard was a loving son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. He leaves behind his loving wife, Maria; beloved daughter, Ana Maria Velasco; his son, Ricardo (Jennifer) Velasco; and granddaughter, Yasmina Velasco; brother, Michel (Alicia) Velasco; uncles: Robert Velasco, Loy (Rich) Roberson; many cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Richard was a 1958 graduate of Merrillville High School, Indiana University, veteran of the United States Army, and a Disabled American Veteran. He worked and retired from United States Steel Gary. Richard was a very talented musician (piano), a composer and a researcher of history and of genealogy. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and June Velasco; his brother, James Velasco; his sister and her husband, Kathy Velasco (King) Gregory; grandparents, Primo and Dona Velasco (Aldana), Vincent and Mary Frasca (Thomas); many aunts, uncles and cousins. Richard's final arrangements were handled in Bloomington, Indiana. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I miss you so very much, Dad. I know you're in a better place and are finally free from the physical pain you were experiencing so much of in your final years. I always hold you close in my heart. Thank you for passing your artistic gifts on to me- and for your lifetime of hard work, much of which was done to ensure I was able to utilize and hone those artistic skills for the career I'm now pursuing. I promise to spend the rest of my life honoring those talents by continuing to be the artist you raised me to be and I'll work hard every day to try to be a man you can and will always be proud of. Love you, Papa. -Lito



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