



## Richard Valk Sr.

October 17, 1927 - November 14, 2017

Saugerties – Richard Valk, Sr. died Tuesday November 14, 2017 at home. He was 90 years old.

Born October 17, 1927 in Saugerties, he was the son of Calvin and Ella Wolven Valk. On September 15, 1951 he married the former Doris Plue who pre-deceased him on January 12, 2007 after more than 50 years of marriage.

Following his service in the US Army during WWII, he raced stock cars throughout the Hudson Valley and Long Island from 1947 until 1952. A self employed plumber, he was also a member of the Saxton Fire Company where he was a former commissioner of the Saxton Fire District and served as Fire Chief for 33 years. Dick was an avid camper and tried to visit Maine at least twice a year where he enjoyed visiting local light houses, particularly the Cape Neddick Lighthouse on Nubble Island.

Survivors include seven children, Brenda Doyle, Richard Valk, Jr. and his wife Betty, Cindy Keator and her husband Rich, Terry Valk, John Valk, James Valk and his wife Cathy, and Tim Valk and his wife Tonya; two sisters-in-law Jean Valk and Lorraine Valk; 26 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was pre-deceased by his son-in-law, Joe Doyle; two grandsons, Richard Valk III and TJ Valk; and his great-grandson Justin MacDonald; and by all his

siblings, Calvin, George, Harry, Donald, Doris Bogardus and Nina Clancy.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 AM Monday, November 20, 2017 at Buono Funeral Service, Inc., Saugerties, NY. Rev. James Aley will officiate. Interment with full military honors will follow immediately in Mount Marion Cemetery.

Friends may call Saturday 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM and Sunday 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Buono Funeral Service, Inc. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made in Dick's memory to Support Our Service People (SOS) in Saugerties.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Marion Cemetery

622 Kings Highway  
Saugerties, NY 12477

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 18. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Buono Funeral Service, Inc.  
100 Main Street  
Saugerties, NY 12477  
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## Visitation

NOV 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

NOV **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Valk Sr.*

October 20, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ *To the entire Valk family. We are so sorry to hear about your Dad passing away. We just found out tonight, Nov. 23rd. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow. Love Leo and Cindy Valenchis.*

**Cindy Valenchis** - November 22, 2017 at 11:06 PM



“ *I am sorry to learn that Dick has passed on. I always admired him while I was a volunteer fire fighter in Saxton. He was a good leader. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.*

**Edward Staib** - November 18, 2017 at 07:50 PM



“ *RIP Uncle Dick. You will be missed.*

**Dolores Valk-Redding** - November 17, 2017 at 07:51 PM



“ *Dad, thanks for the memories, your love, and the time we spent together, Love you and missing you, You will always be in my heart. Cindy*

**cindy** - November 17, 2017 at 06:21 AM

JL

“ Dick was a special person. Always a smile and a hug for me. He and John were good friends and shared many stories. Dick I will miss your hugs, say hello to John for me. You were one in a million. God bless you, he has a new angel.

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**Jean Lasher** - November 16, 2017 at 10:56 PM

JG

*To all of The Valk Family  
My Thought's are with you at this sad time  
Your Dad was A Great Guy and always had the time to talk to talk to me when bringing me fire wood or when I was Supervisor  
Always made me feel welcome when ever I saw him either at the fire hall or at your Dad and Moms when I worked for Prudential  
He surely will be missed.  
Have him in my prayers  
Jim Griffis*

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**Jim Griffis** - November 17, 2017 at 04:55 PM

DC

*RIP Dick. Howie and I will always remember how happy you were when we saw you camping. Howie always enjoyed talking with you. Our condolences to all of your family. I know they will miss you terribly.  
Howie & Donna Chewins*

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**Donna Chewins** - November 18, 2017 at 03:48 PM

JN

*Give Dippy a big hug for me Dick!! <3*

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**JOANNE NANGLE** - November 19, 2017 at 06:00 PM