

Richard "Dick" Jones passed away this week at 80 while in Florida. He is survived by his Wife of 57 years; Susan P Jones. They had 3 Sons; Robert Jones, Scott Jones, Rick Jones and their 3 spouses; Melanie Jones, Marisa Jones, and Debbie Arce.

There are 6 grandchildren, Nathaniel Jones, Bradley Jones, Zachary Jones, Victoria Jones, Reed Jones, and Celina Carrasquillo.

He was preceded in death by his mother Bertha M. Bell of Syracuse, N.Y. He is survived by his 2 siblings Gary Bell, and Marilyn Kapp, their spouses along with several Nieces and Nephews.

Dick grew up in Syracuse, N.Y. where his interest in electronics and HAM radios led to an enlistment in the Navy. He traveled to several interesting countries and he grew to love the sea and diving. A minor airplane accident caused an issue with his ears and stopped him from diving. During his service, he returned to Syracuse on leave, where he was setup on a blind date. That date started a romance by mail that set his heart on fire and he literally proposed by mail and later married his Suzie Q.

Once he left the service, he went on to a full Career with Xerox as a Copier Technical Rep working out of the Syracuse office where he eventually retired. He devoted himself to his wife and 3 sons and he even served as the Scout Master for Cub Scout Pack 36 in the Syracuse Valley region. He knew how to make it fun for the boys and the neighborhood kids always had a safe place to lay their bikes and play on the dirt pile.

Dick was a guy who knew how to win friends with a firm handshake. He instilled strong core values in his sons and taught them to respect people and to be kind. He was an old fashioned gentleman always kind to everyone, especially women, children and animals.

In later years, Dick and Sue traveled between Syracuse N.Y. and the Homosassa, FL region where they spent most winters avoiding the northern weather. Dick's life came full circle and reignited his interest in HAM radios.

A celebration of his life will be held for Florida friends and family on Thursday February 10. 2022 @ 1:00 pm - At the Plantation Inn in Crystal River, FL in the Magnolia Room.

