



Obituary

Born: Friday, April 1, 1927

Died: Sunday, January 27, 2019

Carmelo Frederic Ritschard, 91, passed away peacefully on Sunday January 27, 2019, surrounded by his family, at Primrose Retirement Community in Mishawaka, IN. He was born on April 1, 1927, to the late Remedios (Ojanguren) and Fred Ritschard, Sr. Loretta Ritschard, Carmelo's ex-wife and dear friend preceded him in death. He is survived by four daughters, Sandy (Jack) Demitruk of Osceola, IN, Sue (Rick) Paulin of Mishawaka, IN, Chr(Jonn) Higgins of Carmel, IN, Deb (Brian) Canfield of Mishawaka, IN, two sons, Jay (Amy) Ritschard of South Bend, IN, Jeff (Andrea) Ritschard of South Bend, IN, 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. He has one surviving sister, Dolly Fischer of South Bend and two deceased brothers, Don and Fred Ritschard, Jr., and many nieces and nephews. On June 10, 1989, Carmelo married Patricia Kent who preceded him in death.

Service Summary

Visitation

2:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Fri Feb 01, 2019

Cleveland Rd. Location

17033 Cleveland Road
South Bend, IN 46635

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Sat Feb 02,
2019

Sunnyside Presbyterian

115 South Frances Street
South Bend, IN 46617

Funeral Service

10:00 AM Sat Feb 02, 2019

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Carmelo was known for his honesty, kindness, generosity and always being a gentleman. Carmelo and his brother Don were long-time owners of Ritschard Bros., Inc. doing excavating and demolition. Carmelo retired on May 31, 1996, after 50 years with the company. Carmelo was a thirty-second degree Mason, and a lifetime member of the following, South Bend Elks Lodge #235, South Bend Turner Club, Council Oak Lodge #745, and Scottish Rite Valley of South Bend. He also was a lifetime member of Orak Shrine Temple volunteering for twelve years to transport children to the Chicago Shrine Hospital and the Cincinnati Burn Center.

Carmelo loved to golf, play cards, dance, travel, and spend time with his family. His smile could light up a room and will be missed. He served in the US Navy during World War II.

The family would like to thank Primrose Retirement Community for their compassionate care and Heartland Hospice for their compassion and respectful end of life care. The family would like to give a special thanks to "Evie" for bringing so much joy to Carmelo during his years in assisted living.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 to 8:00 pm on Friday, February 1, 2019, at WELSHEIMER FUNERAL HOME, 17033 Cleveland Rd, South Bend, IN. A Masonic memorial service will be held at 7 PM.

A Christian service will be held at 10:00 am February 2, 2019, with family receiving friends one hour before the service. at Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, 115 S. Frances

St., South Bend. Burial will follow at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Carmelo's name may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, Office of Development, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago IL 60707-3392. Family and friends may leave email condolences at www.welsheimer.com.

Charitable donations may be made in Carmelo's memory to the following organization:

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