



Richard Dale Latimer

July 21, 1933 - August 3, 2014

Richard Dale Latimer, 81, of Towanda, PA passed away at his home on Sunday, August 3, 2014 after an extended illness following surgery. He was born at home in Wyalusing, Pa. on July 21, 1933, the son of the late Joseph W. Latimer and Irma (Merrick) Latimer of Wyalusing.

Richard graduated from Wyalusing Valley High School in 1951. While in junior high school, he worked part time at the Fairlawn store. Also during his senior year he assisted the manager of the local hardware store in opening a successful fishing equipment department. After graduation, he started full time work at The Daily Review in advertising, dealing with both local and national clients.

While at the Review he met and married his lifelong soul mate, Janice L. Champluvier of Lime Hill, Pa. on July 6, 1957 in the Catholic church of St. John Evangelist in Binghamton, N.Y. with friends Leonard and Rosemary Wood of Towanda as witnesses. They spent vacations at Cape Cod, Mass. with former Wyalusing friends Elwood and Mary Eslick. Then they began raising a daughter and three sons.

Beginning in 1958 to 1968 he was employed by the W. T. Grant Co. in Towanda and Sayre, Pa. This was his favorite workplace. While there, he was approached by E.I. DuPont's hiring manager to come work for them. He

worked there for 21 years operating their X-ray equipment, working the darkroom developing and also doing extensive testing of X-ray screens from all over the world. He was proud to have contributed a small part of DuPont's new mammography screen used in hospitals. He retired at age 56 and subsequently took part time work at the Towanda and Sayre State Liquor Control stores and retired again after seven and a half years.

Dick volunteered as a driver and assistant for the Towanda Ambulance Assn. At other times he drove donated blood to Wilkes-Barre for processing.

His lifelong hobbies were fishing, horseshoes and best of all, both fast and slow pitch softball where he started in high school and played into his late 50's. First playing for a Wyalusing team and in Towanda for Penelec and Perry Chevrolet among others, his teams won several trophies. He always played shortstop and enjoyed it most when playing alongside his brother, Neil at second base in Wyalusing. Baseball's St. Louis Cardinals and football's Green Bay Packers were his favorites along with NASCAR's Dale Earnhardt and Tony Stewart.

It was always an aim of his to make people laugh and joked he only succeeded once.

Remaining family members are his wife, Janice; son, Christopher of Lime Hill, Pa.; children, Valerie and Casey; daughter, Melissa and son in law Gordon Brassfield of Towanda with children, Tavis, Brett and Bryant King, Culleen and Novelle Brassfield; step children, Lisa Marie, and Gary Brassfield; son Steven and daughter in law Kelly of New Bern, N. Carolina; step children Tonianne Butterfield, Jay Solsman (Michelle) and Marcy (Marcel) Arnold; son Michael and daughter in law Kelly of Avis, Pa; children Evan and Caleb. A brother, Neil and wife Patricia of Macedonia, Pa.; niece Kim (Raul) Azpiazu of Wyalusing; niece Mitzi (Larry) Means of Hummelstown, Pa.

Brother in law Richard and wife Kay Champluvier; nieces Kelly McNamara (Paul). Orefield, Pa., ; Amy Champluvier, Lime Hill, Pa.; Holly Champluvier and friend Aaron Lineberry of Towanda and nephew Bryan Champluvier, Lime Hill, Pa. Also included are 10 great grandchildren and numerous great nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held Friday, August 8, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. Interment will be in the Wyalusing Cemetery, Wyalusing, PA.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

The family suggests that contributions may be directed to St. Agnes School, 102 Third St. Towanda, PA 18848 in Richard Dale Latimer's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Wyalusing Cemetery

Wyalusing, PA 18853

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Dale Latimer*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Richard Dale Latimer*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Richard Dale Latimer*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Richard Dale Latimer*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Richard Dale Latimer*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

MS

“ My deepest sympathy to you Chris and family for the loss of your father, father-in-law and grandfather. Chris, I can't imagine how you must feel losing your Dad...my thoughts are with you during this sad time. I read what was in the paper about your Dad's life...what a great guy and sounds like he made the most of his life! I hope your many good memories will bring you comfort.

Michele Strohl

Sayre, PA

Michele Strohl - August 13, 2014 at 01:54 PM

VL

“ Valerie Latimer lit a candle in memory of
Richard Dale Latimer



Valerie Latimer - August 07, 2014 at 10:27 PM

VH

“ Dear Janice and family,

We're so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Please accept our sincere condolences and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

May God Bless,

Vance & Joyce Hinkson

Vance & Joyce Hinkson - August 07, 2014 at 10:38 AM

BL

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Dick Latimer who was a High School classmate and friend.*
Barbara Loftus Perrone

BLP - August 07, 2014 at 07:52 AM