



Richard Leigh Rhodes Sr.

November 23, 1931 - April 14, 2021

Richard Leigh Rhodes Sr., 89, of Sayre, PA passed away Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at Elderwood Healthcare in Waverly, NY. Richard was born in Elmira, NY on November 23, 1931, a son of John Garfield Rhodes and Marian Betz Rhodes. He was a graduate of Sayre High School with the Class of 1951 and subsequently served with the U.S. Navy from June 11, 1951 to June 8, 1955 during the Korean War.

In 1952, Richard married the former Shirley M. Kepner. Richard was employed as a lineman with Penelec in Sayre for 32 years until his retirement. Richard was a member of the Sayre Presbyterian Church, a life member of Skiff-Bower VFW Post 1536, Sayre, and was a member of Trout Unlimited. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, being of assistance to others, the outdoors, fishing, and in earlier years, gardening, and hunting. With a passion for fishing, Richard created and operated from his home for a number of years, Dick's Fly Shop on West Lockhart Street in Sayre. He greatly enjoyed making fish poles, tying flies, and sharing his skillful knowledge with his grandchildren as well as others. Richard's family includes his beloved wife of 69 years, Shirley M. Rhodes, children, Janet Hughes and husband Charles of Sayre, Richard Rhodes Jr. and wife Mary of Sayre, Shirley Williams of Athens, and Amy Krasinski and husband Tony of Erie, PA, 12 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, cousins, brother, Donald Rhodes. In addition to his parents, Richard was predeceased by his grandson, Nate Williams on December 5, 2015, and brother, Jack

Rhodes.

A private funeral service will be held at the convenience of the family. The Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home of Sayre is assisting the Rhodes Family with arrangements. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to Stray Haven, 194 Shepard Road, Waverly, NY 14892 in memory of Richard Leigh Rhodes Sr. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Leigh Rhodes Sr.*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Richard Leigh Rhodes Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Richard Leigh Rhodes Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Richard Leigh Rhodes Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Richard Leigh Rhodes Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Amy and Family,
My sincere and heartfelt sympathy at the loss of your father and
grandfather!
kim Sullivan*

Kimberly Sullivan - April 26, 2021 at 09:49 AM

EW

“ To Shirley and the Rhodes family on the loss of Dick. He always had a friendly hello whenever we would bump into you guys. I also remember him helping my Grandfather Wolcott with an electrical problem he had at his house years ago.

Eugene Wayman - April 21, 2021 at 02:38 PM

GW

“ To Shirley and the Rhodes family our sincere condolences on the loss of Dick. Always had a friendly hello whenever I/we would "bump" into you guys.

Gene and Terry Wayman

gene Wayman - April 21, 2021 at 02:08 PM

WF

“ Sincere sympathy and great Sayre High School memories to Shirley from Bill and Barb Draper Franks.

William & Barbara Franks - April 20, 2021 at 11:01 AM

RR

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the family at this time of loss. Dick touched many lives through his work at Penelec and the many talents he shared. RIP, Dick!
Sincerely,
Robby And Joyce Robinson

Richard L. Robinson - April 19, 2021 at 09:42 PM

RR

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the family at this time of loss. Dick touched many lives through his work at Penelec and the many talents he shared. RIP, Dick!
Sincerely,
Robby And Joyce Robinson

Richard L.& Joyce Robinson - April 19, 2021 at 09:35 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Richard Leigh Rhodes Sr..



April 19, 2021 at 02:39 PM

KE

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Uncle Dick. I remember him tying flies and building Garrett's and Kellen's fishing poles for them when they were little. Both of them still love to fish and talk about Uncle Dick and Aunt Shirley when we visited. All my love to all of you ❤️ Karen

Karen Eppinger - April 19, 2021 at 12:29 PM

VS

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy.

VPW Post 1536, Sayre - April 19, 2021 at 06:22 AM



“ *Angel Wind Chime - Silver was purchased for the family of Richard Leigh Rhodes Sr..*



April 18, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ *Uncle Dick was truly one of a kind. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. We have many many fond memories. Our sincere condolences to all his immediate family in this time of sorrow. He was a great man and a great uncle.*

Dave and Deb Mattison, Cary, NC.

David Mattison - April 18, 2021 at 12:04 PM



Such a special person. Our son Judd learned to tie flies from him at the age of 12. He remembers how kind and patient Dick was to this day.

Roxann Callear - April 19, 2021 at 06:41 AM



A life well lived, and a guy whose work will live forever as he passed on his love of fly-fishing to so many over the years....I'll cast a Royal Coachman for you this spring, Dick....RIP

Steve and Paula Piatt - April 20, 2021 at 07:16 AM



Dick was responsible for getting me into Gene Kershers fly-tying class. One night after my Dad and Dick got out of work we went to Schrader Creek. They were both on call that nite but Dick had to show me his Orvis fly-rod. What a difference from my glass Fenwick... I had the order in the mail for an Orvis rod that night! Work had me move to Vermont but I would stop by the Rhodes with some wood-duck feathers or to have a rod repaired. I even picked up and delivered an bamboo rod he found up here In Vermont one year. Your flies were perfection! Godspeed....

Todd Lincoln

Todd Lincoln - April 26, 2021 at 08:56 AM