



Richard E. Donovan

August 2, 1936 - March 26, 2025

Richard E. Donovan, 88, of Richmond, IL, passed away, Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at his home.

He was born in Chicago, IL on August 8, 1936, a son of the late Marie (Renn) and John Donovan.

He was married Patricia (Guy) on October 7, 1972, in Chicago, IL.

He was a former member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Richmond, IL and a member of the Knights of Columbus #8366.

He served in the U.S. Army as a PFC from 1962 to 1965.

He was a communication manager at Illinois Bell Telephone for 30 years, retiring in 1995.

He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, a scout master for over 40 years, receiving several distinguished awards and an election judge for over 15 years.

Survivors are his wife, Patricia; two sons Michael (Fawn) Donovan, of Merrill, WI; Matthew Donovan, of Hebron, IL and eleven grandchildren. He was preceded by a daughter Meghan; three sisters, Helen, Arlene, and Geraldine; and a brother John.

Private graveside services will be at Richmond Cemetery, Richmond, IL, with military honors.

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Cemetery Details

Richmond Cemetery

5800 Broadway Rd.
Richmond, IL 60071

Tribute Wall

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“ Dick and my Uncle, LeRoy Olsen, were good friends. I tagged along on their many adventures. They taught my brothers and I how to hunt, fish, and camp. We were all camping in the Quetico Canoe Park when the astronauts first landed on the moon. We had no radio reception so we asked anyone we saw if they made it. Dick a pretty lady, named Pat, from Long Lake, II. We didn't get to see him much after that. As small boys, we called him Uncle Dick. We thought he was part of our family. I could go on and on ... I tried to call Dick many times with no response. I finally did an obituary search and found out he passed. I have great memories of Dick Donovan.

Chris Dreyer - July 28, 2025 at 10:37 AM