



Richard William Branch Sr.

June 22, 1923 - December 30, 2016

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6/22/23 - 12/30/16

Richard W. Branch Sr., 93, passed away peacefully at home with family by his side. He was born in Huntington Beach, California to Harvey Shaw Branch and Marguerite Beck Branch. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1941 at the age of 17. "Dick" was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Honolulu at Pearl Harbor when war broke out on December 7th. He was reassigned to the U.S.S. Chicago and after the battle of Guadalcanal, the ship was sent to Mare Island Naval Shipyard for major repairs. It is there that he met and married the love of his life, Dorothy Govi, in 1943. "Dick" was discharged in 1945. He was a Vallejo Firefighter and also worked at Brinkman's Marine until his retirement. He was active in the Vallejo Elks Lodge 559 serving as Exalted Ruler from 1989-1990. He also was financial secretary for the Sons of Italy Virgilio Lodge. Dick is preceded in death by his parents, brother Harvey, and sister, Patricia Watson. Surviving is his wife of 73 years, Dorothy, brother Edward of Chico, sons Richard Jr. (Donna), Stephen (Lucy), Joseph (Sherie), Robert (Kathy), all of Vallejo. Daughters, Pamela Pratt (Bill) of Coeur d'Alene, Christine Davis (Jack) of San Diego, Janice Brinkman (Richard) of Lake Almanor, and Patricia Pauletto of Reno, 26 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and 4 great great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Twin Chapels Mortuary, 1100 Tennessee Street, Vallejo on January 8th from 5:00-6:45 P.M. with a Veterans of Foreign War tribute and

Rosary to begin at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, January 9th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Basil's Church, 1200 Tuolumne Street. Burial will follow at All Souls Cemetery, Vallejo.

The family would like to thank Kaiser Hospice for their loving, supportive care and assistance to Richard and his family. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in care of Sons of Italy, P.O. Box 4282, Vallejo, CA 94590 to be used for UC Davis Dementia/Alzheimer Research or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements entrusted to the direction and care of Twin Chapels Mortuary, Vallejo (707) 552-6696 www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

550 Glen Cove Road
Vallejo, CA 94591
(707) 644-5209

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Twin Chapels Mortuary
1100 Tennessee Street
Vallejo, CA 94590
(707) 552-6696
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Vigil Service

JAN 8. 7:00 PM (PT)

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Funeral Mass

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Basil's Catholic Church
1230 Nebraska Street
Vallejo, CA 94590
(707) 644-5251

Tribute Wall

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“ *As a fellow firefighter who began my career working with dick who always was there to guide me as i came up thru the ranks was a pleasure to know and work side by side, A great person and I wish the family in sorrow peace Bob Moniz and family*

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