



Richard Stevens

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R ichard Elmo Stevens

1936 – 2024

Richard “Rich” Stevens, 87, of Irvine, California, entered eternal rest on January 21, 2024. He was born June 9, 1936 in Omaha, Nebraska, to parents Walter and Fern Stevens.

The family surname and ancestry, in fact, is St. Germaine. When Rich’s father, Walter, was a young child, his surname St. Germaine was changed to Stevens, as Walter was raised by his Uncle Elmo and Aunt Mary Stevens.

Rich honorably served his country in the United States Navy Reserve for two years, then in the United States Air Force for four years. Rich’s life-long career was in the HVAC industry, which included over 15 years with General Electric in Kansas City, then in British Columbia, Canada. In retirement, he spent time as a volunteer for the National Park Service and enjoyed his camping trips to a number of national parks in western states.

An avid athletic person from childhood through his adult years, Rich was involved with and coached Little League and other sport activities. Later in life, he completed a goal to run the Los Angeles Marathon at age 50. Through his life, Rich was an animated storyteller and enjoyed sharing his adventures with others.

Preceding Rich in death were his parents, Walter and Fern Stevens; brother Robert Stevens and sister-in-law Willis Stevens; and brother Walter Stevens.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joyce (Riffel) Stevens; sons Scott (Lynn) Stevens, of Maple Valley, Washington, and Matthew Stevens of Irvine, California; daughters Christine Kirsch of



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Irvine, California, and Jennifer Stevens of Phoenix, Arizona; four grandchildren: Bryan (Rebecca) Stevens, Samuel (Zoe) Stevens, Kyle Kirsch, and Jessica Kirsch; three great grandchildren: Ari Stevens, Shoshana Stevens, and Azriel Stevens; nieces Pamela (Joseph) Tellez, Darlene Stevens, Mary Stevens, Deborah (David) Serrault, and nephews Larry (Valerie) Stevens and Mark (Cindy) Davis.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on February 5, 2024 at Skylawn Memorial Park, Highway 92 and Skyline Blvd, San Mateo, California. 94402.

Memorial donations in memory of Richard Stevens can be made to MemorialCare Hospice and Palliative Services, 24431 Calle de la Louisa, Ste. 100, Laguna Hills, California 92653.

John 17:3 “Now this is eternal life: That they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”



Events

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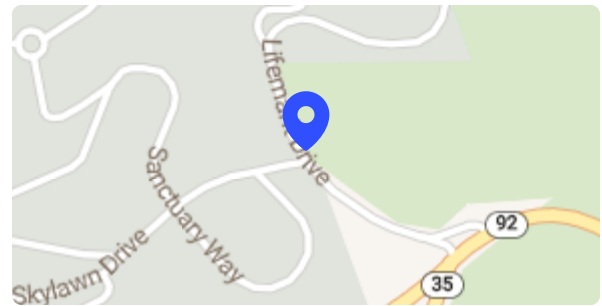
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Visitation

Monday, February 5, 2024

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM PT

Lifemark Center at Skylawn Memorial Park
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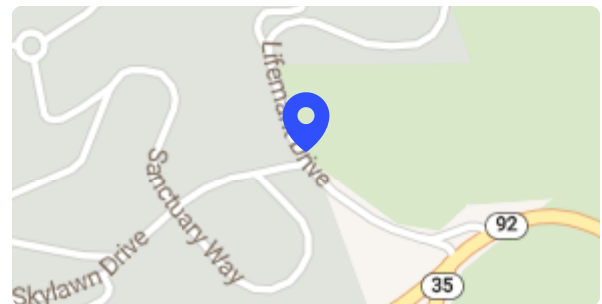


Burial Service to follow

Monday, February 5, 2024

1:00 PM PT

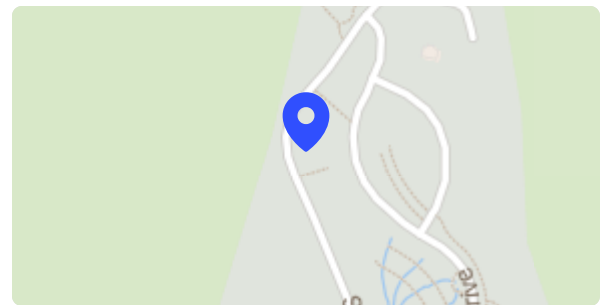
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Cemetery Details

Skylawn Funeral Home & Memorial Park
100 Lifemark Rd, San Mateo CA 94062-4592

(650) 437-1986





Tribute Wall

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PT

Pamela T. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Richard.



February 14 at 7:08 AM

PT

Pamela Tellez posted:

My heart is heavy with sadness, with the passing of my Uncle Rich. My love and prayers are with my Aunt Joyce and family. Uncle Rich was a very special person in my life and revered by everyone in our family. I have so many amazing memories of our times together as a little girl and as a grown adult, from family gatherings, and just our time visiting and talking on every subject you can think about. He had a full life and so many memories and stories he would share with the family, from his early years in Omaha, and everything in between. I loved the stories, and always encouraged him to write them down for us. A fun and scary memory was one winter night in Omaha, when I was about six years old, the family went out one night to go tobogganing, and three of us got on the toboggan, my dad in the front, me in the middle, and my Uncle Rich behind me. As we set off down the hill, all of a sudden we were airborne, at least 6 feet off the ground, and my Uncle Rich yelled out "Pam don't move", I didn't move an inch, and we landed safely. I'll never forget how safe I felt between my dad and my uncle that night! Uncle Rich, has always been my cheerleader! I know Uncle Rich knew the Lord Jesus as his savior, and we are only separated by time, but will be together with family in eternity. I always told him if he got to Heaven first, to save me a seat at the table with the rest of the family! We miss you! Love & Prayers, Pam & Joseph Tellez

February 14 at 7:00 AM

LS

Larry Stevens posted:

I loved my Uncle Rich, he was a great athlete through High School and into his adulthood which I idolized growing up which set a precedence for me. I do remember the first time I went a Hundred miles per hour in my uncle Riches car when I was 12 years old in 1963 he wanted to make sure I was ok with that first and I said sure. It was in his 1958 Ford Thunderbird on Interstate 80 between Omaha and Millard Nebraska. He always supported what I did including baseball, boat racing and driving out to my Roadracing Karting events from Willow Springs International Raceway to Portland International Raceway and Fernley Nevada in his later years. He will be very much missed. I love you Uncle Rich!

January 29 at 5:59 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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