



Richard Joseph Caruso

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Richard Joseph Caruso, 79, was born in Chicago, IL on March 17, 1946 to the late Frank and Francis Caruso. He was a devoted husband, father, veteran, and friend, who passed away at UVA Charlottesville, on December 21, 2025.

Richard called Chicago home for the first part of his life where he attended catholic school, proudly served in the United States Army in both the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions during the Vietnam War.

Upon returning home he started with Crane Construction. In 1988 his job sent him to Virginia where he met and fell in love with his wife Donna and Virginia became his home. Richard built a long and dedicated career, retiring from both Hitt Contracting and Balfour Beatty. Outside of work he found happiness on the water, enjoying time on the boat, his cat and traveling the globe and exploring new places with his best friend, his wife.

Richard is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 35 years, Donna Caruso; his daughter, Deanna “Dee Dee” Benjamin and her husband, Dwaine Grimes; and his son, Timothy “Tim” Benjamin and his wife, Vicki; grandchildren, Justin, Chloe, River, Carrlee and Courtney; great-grandchildren, Everly, Olivia and Bryson and sister, Dorothy Billie. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Gino.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 11 am at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel, 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, VA. Interment to follow at Culpeper National Cemetery, 501 E. Chandler St, Culpeper, VA.

The family invites those who cannot attend to watch via livestream at

<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTc2NzA0NDkxODM5NDY3MiZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>



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Honors will be provided by VFW Post 2520.

An online guestbook and tribute wall are available at <https://www.foundandsons.com>

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.



Events

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Funeral Service

Thursday, January 22, 2026

11:00 AM ET

Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service

850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701



Interment

Thursday, January 22, 2026

12:00 PM ET

Culpeper National Cemetery (New)

501 East Chandler Street, Culpeper VA 22701



Cemetery Details

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501 East Chandler Street, Culpeper VA 22701





Tribute Wall

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Chris Pratl posted:

Mr. Caruso,I haven't seen you since 1988, and your affectionate "Buckwheat" nickname always let me know that you liked me enough to be a small, albeit brief part of your family here in Illinois. The only thing I can say, sir, is thank you for bringing Nicole into the world in 1972. In many ways I'm a better man for her being a part of my life; she was my first love and I took care of her and loved her until life had other plans for us. You were always kind to me, and I'm grateful. Nicole and Kim turned out beautifully, with wonderful families of their own. You would have been proud of them. Rest well, Mr. Caruso. Godspeed.Chris Pratl

January 22 at 10:11 PM



Mark Sollom shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

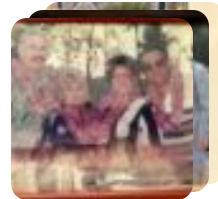
Great vacation memories with Donna, Rich, Lenny & Elly.

December 30 at 5:33 PM



Mark Sollom shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 14 at 5:38 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Caruso family.

January 5 at 6:45 PM



Jerry P planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.

January 5 at 6:45 PM





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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Caruso family.

January 5 at 2:35 PM



Patty And Bob Clem planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.

January 5 at 2:35 PM



Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Caruso family.

January 3 at 11:41 AM



Eva Ols And Family sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Caruso family.

January 1 at 3:32 PM



Tommy Tortorich posted:

I had the great fortune of working with Richard from 2006 until 2018, first at HITT Contractors, then at Balfour Beatty. He was a great friend and we had many laughs throughout those years. So many memories!

December 30 at 5:33 PM



Media

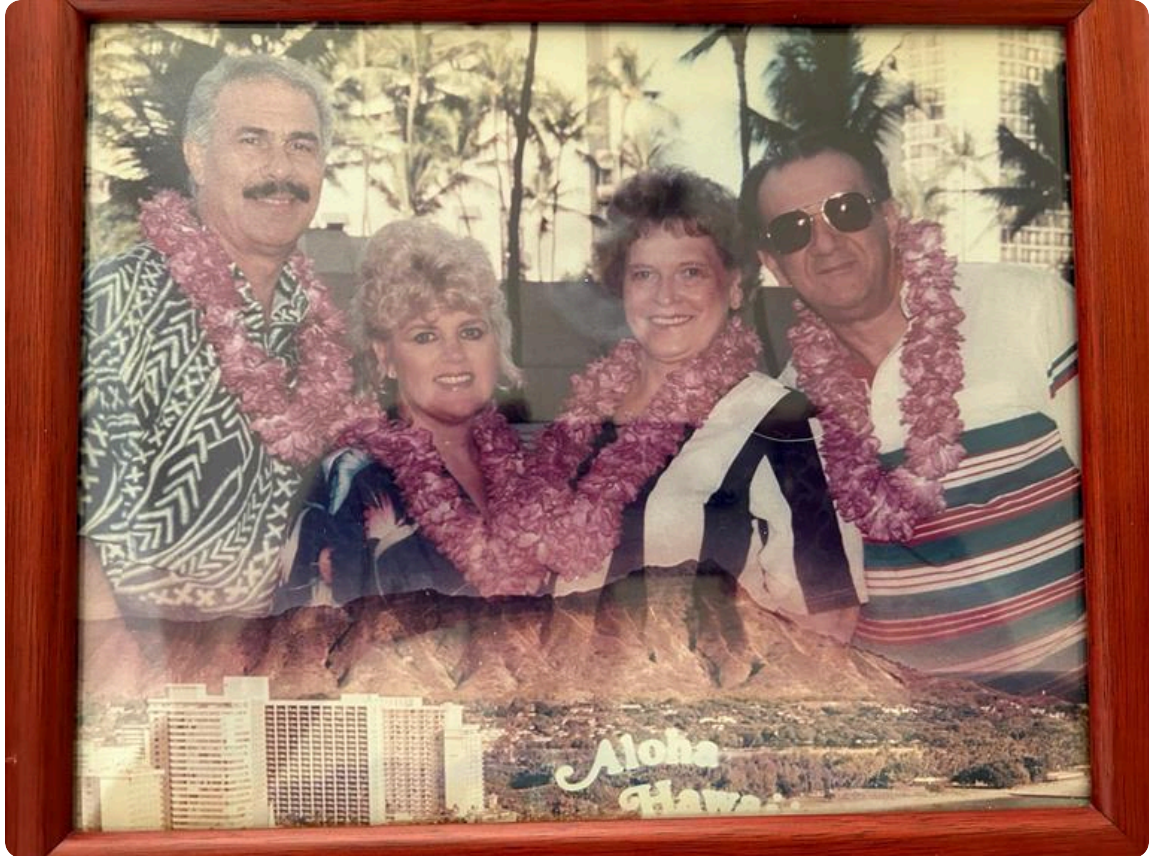
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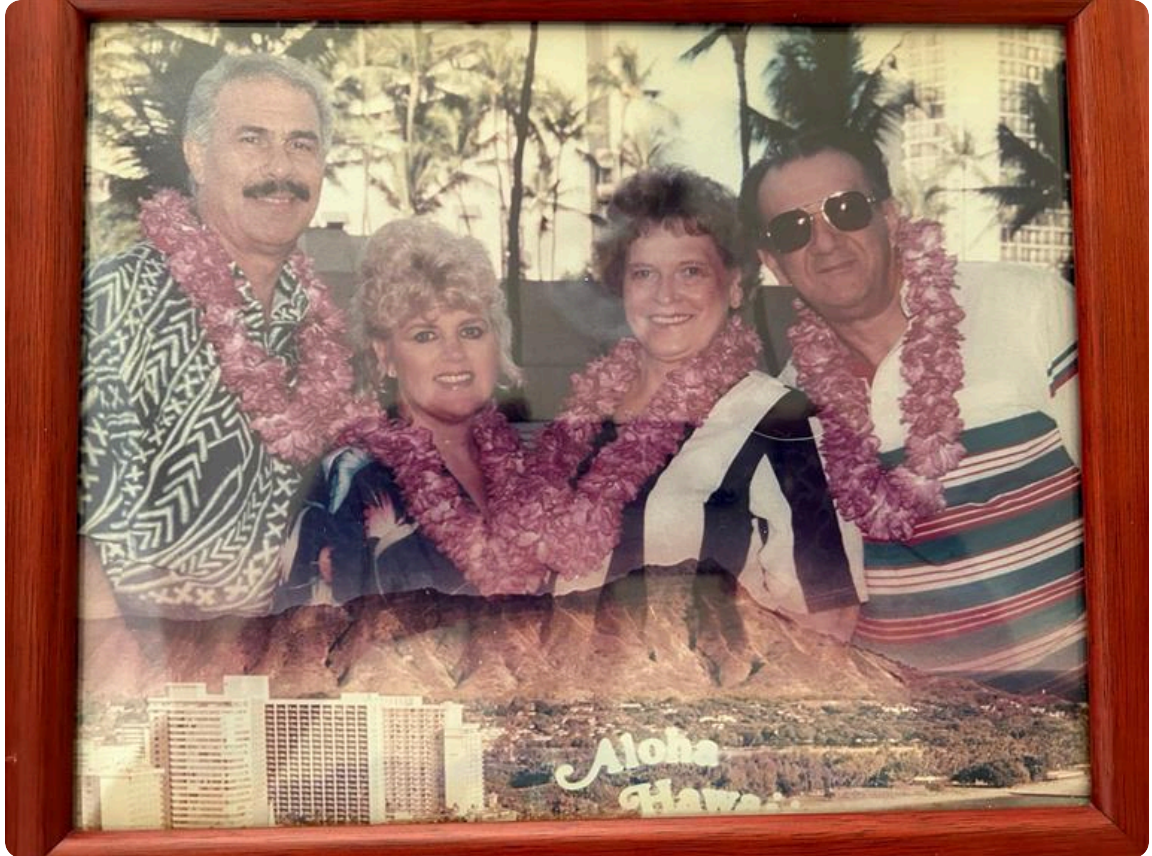
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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