

# RICHARD (DICK) JOHN TOKARSKI



Age 89, of Saxonburg, formerly of Linesville, went to be with the Lord, on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at Magnolia Place, in Saxonburg, after a courageous two-year battle with Alzheimer's.

Born June 9, 1935, in Pittsburgh, he was the son of John and Mary (Kruckles) Tokarski. He married Martha (Marty) Shawley, on August 3, 1957, at the Eglin Air Force Base Chapel in Fort Walton, Florida. She preceded him in death on August 11, 2019.

Richard was a 1954 graduate of Allerdice High School in Pittsburgh. He served our country in the United States Air Force and was stationed for a tour in the Philippines. Richard worked for AT&T Long Lines as a technician and retired at the age of 51.

He was a member of St. Philip Roman Catholic Church in Linesville. He was also a member of the National American Legion and the Ultralight Society. Richard was a craftsman, an avid pianist and an avid fisherman. He was a faith-filled man, whose goal in life was to make everyone laugh and smile. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include six children, Dennis Tokarski and his wife, Cara of Irwin, Wendy Cooney and her husband, Jim of New Castle, Sherry Matous of Bellevue, Linda Dankert and her husband, John of Ocala, Florida, Susan Herndon and her husband, Jeff of Hermitage and Russell Tokarski and his wife, Tara of Lusby, Maryland; 14 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a son-in-law, Mike Matous; a sister, Mary Evelyn Brink; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends and family can call on Thursday, October 17, from 4 to 7 p.m., at **ROYAL-COLEMAN FUNERAL HOME**, 6028 U.S. Highway 6, Linesville.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m., on Friday, October 18, at St. Philip Roman Catholic Church, 401 S. Mercer St., Linesville, with Father Chris Hamlett as celebrant. Additional calling hours will be on Friday, from 9:30 to 10:30, at the funeral home.

Burial with full military honors will follow in St. Philip Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

Please share a condolence or memory of Richard for the family at [royalcolemanfuneralhome.com](http://royalcolemanfuneralhome.com)

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