



Richard A. Jurgaitis

August 11, 1953 - February 2, 2020

Richard A. Jurgaitis, Beloved Husband of Diane, nee Nosal. Loving Son of the late Richard C. and Valerie Jurgaitis. Cherished Brother of Julie Garza Jurgaitis and the late Robert Jurgaitis. Dear Brother-in-Law of Tom Nosal and Julie Nosal. Fond Uncle of many Nieces and Nephews, and Cousin to many. Richard was an avid Ham Radio operator, call sign "KA9GQF", and a volunteer for the Salvation Army. Hawaiian shirts are recommended. In Lieu of flowers donations to the Salvation Army would be appreciated.

Visitation is Friday, February 7, 2020 from 3 PM to 8 PM at FORAN FUNERAL HOME, 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th street just west of Harlem). Visitation on Saturday at the funeral home from 8:30 AM until time of Prayers at 9:30 AM. We will go in procession from the funeral home to St. Daniel the Prophet Church for a 10 AM Mass. Cremation Private.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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7300 West Archer Ave
Summit, IL 60501
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Visitation

FEB 8. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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Mass

FEB 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Daniel the Prophet Church
5358 South Nashville
Chicago, IL 60638

Tribute Wall



“ *Foran Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard A. Jurgaitis*



Foran Funeral Home - February 06, 2020 at 07:13 PM

CM

Beautiful video

Chuck michalski - February 11, 2020 at 07:35 PM

RI

“ Diane,

You probably don't remember us...Rich & Donna Bauer (N9DKO and N9DKN). Rich and I would talk almost every day on our way to/from our jobs back in the mid-to-late 80's/early 90's. I think that was on the Argonne or CFMC machine. Donna worked at Madden about the same time that Rich was working at Loyola or HInes.

His passing really shocked me. Although he and I haven't spoken in 25-30 years I still recall our long chats during our commutes and I always got a kick hearing him talk about what you two were doing for carry-out dinner that day. he used to joke about the stove never having been used.

I only met Rich in person once or twice, probably during a club breakfast. He was always a happy guy, quick with a handshake and a joke. Donna and I are truly saddened to hear of his passing. We are currently in Las Cruces, NM so we will not be able to attend the wake.

Our thoughts and prayers to you and both families.

Richard & Donna Bauer

Richard - February 09, 2020 at 03:41 PM

DI

Thank you, Rich & Donna! Yes, I certainly do remember Rick talking to/about you. Thank you so much for the memories!

Diane - February 10, 2020 at 10:24 AM

KA

“ Diane,
I am so saddened to hear of Rick's passing...our thoughts and prayers are with you and Julie. The photos are so touching to see. Thank you.
As we had a wonderful childhood together, cousins going on camping trips, visiting each other homes and playing together, BBQ's, etc. I want to share something Rick told me many, many years ago. Knowing his sense of humor even as kids (and believe me he was funny then) and as the oldest girl playing with my boy cousins and brother since Julie and my sisters were too young at the time. Ricky said I was female version of James Dean!
Something I will always remember about Rick (though we had many more fun memories). Rest in Peace dear cousin, you will always be fondly remembered.
Kathy

Kathy - February 08, 2020 at 02:55 PM



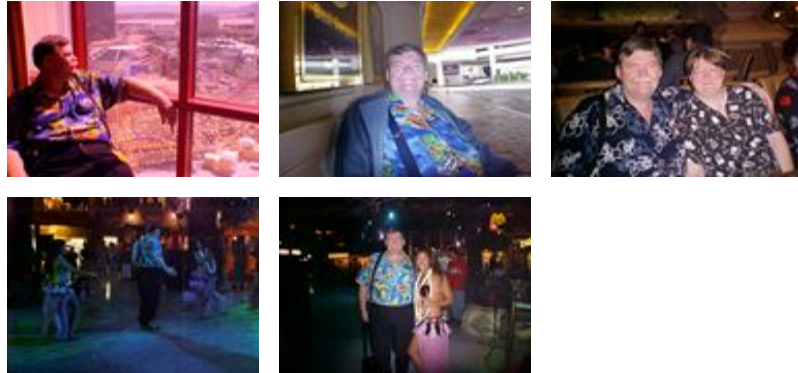
“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Richard A. Jurgaitis.



February 06, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ 152 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Foran Funeral Home - February 06, 2020 at 07:02 PM

MR

“ *Uncle Rick will be missed greatly. He was an amazing person.*

*Peace to you DJ
Mary Remkus*

Mary Remkus - February 06, 2020 at 05:13 PM

DI

“ *Diane purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard A. Jurgaitis.*



Diane - February 06, 2020 at 04:42 PM

SS

“ Ed, WA9GQK knew Rich via ham radio and I had the joy of his friendship when we both worked at Loyola medical center. Rich & I both sang with the Loyola Voices choir. He knew Ed & I were ballroom dancers. During one the annual hospital Christmas party Rich and I practiced the tango, he was a feather on his feet. What a dancer! How blessed he was to have parents who taught ballroom dancing.

Rest in peace dear Rich, heaven is a brighter place now that you are there.

Susan Soldat-Schumacher

Susan Soldat-Schumacher - February 05, 2020 at 08:05 PM

DI

Thank you & Ed, Susie! He was so happy to see you at Bob's wake. Many great memories! Hugs!!

Diane - February 10, 2020 at 10:26 AM

DI

“ 3 files added to the album Rick Jurgaitis



Diane - February 05, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard A. Jurgaitis.



February 05, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ I will miss talking with him on Echo Link at night. It is so quiet here in the desert that it was nice to have a friend out there. At least we got to experience a nice dinner with him and his wife one night in Vegas. He would always say "Las Vegas Baby!!" Looking forward to his trip. He will be greatly missed ! KC9JLL

Ernest - February 05, 2020 at 11:03 AM



Thank you so much! I know how much Rick loved talking to all his ham buddies (in between old man naps)!

Diane - February 05, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Richard A. Jurgaitis.



February 05, 2020 at 09:12 AM

DI

“ 15 files added to the album Rick Jurgaitis



Diane - February 04, 2020 at 10:35 PM

CK

“ I've known "Uncle Rich" for 40+ years,... Along with his late brother Bob,... and several other friends, he too was a member of the elite Mosquito Squadron.

Fondly remember looking forward to Smelt Fishing (a.k.a "Smelt Drinking") every April,... We'd all get our fishing License's,... Throw our nets in the waters by Lake Michigan,... Open a few beers and wait for the Connies Pizza truck to show up,.. Never really cared about the fish... One particular night the fishing was really bad,.... so we decide to head to a local pizza restaurant in the neighborhood. Little did Rich know he was about to make the biggest catch of his life. It was that fateful night that Rich met his future wife,.... The women he affectionately called "The Lovely Dianne"....

Rich would always offer his assistance to anyone he could, in anyway he could. He operated Emergency Communications stations for the 1988 Illinois Bell Fire in Hinsdale, Floods in Missouri, and several other deployments with the Salvation Army. He could always comfort you with his "unique" perspective on things.

Rich had been the Friday Night "Net Control Operator" for the Chicago FM Club. He brought his own style of humor, wit, knowledge, and a "non-conformist" outlook on life to the microphone -- Helping new Hams just entering the hobby,... and making the Old Timers laugh,.... Setting a new standard for Net Control operators everywhere.

Although he has left to be with his Eternal Family,... His exclusive style of humor,.. His tenderheartedness, the occasional "off-color" comments, and his trademark Hawaiian Shirts will keep him in our hearts and minds FOREVER...

Thank you for the privilege of calling you my friend,... Say Hi to Bob for us,...

73's & GUD DX O.M.

Carl -- AA9RF

Carl K. - February 04, 2020 at 04:16 PM

DI

Oh, Carl! How beautiful! Thank you so much my dear friend! You, Debbie, Mike and Ashley exemplify the word "Friendship!" Love and Hugs!

Diane - February 04, 2020 at 10:12 PM

KL

“ DJ, so very sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved husband. I'm keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs to you and your family.

Kris Launer

Kris Launer - February 04, 2020 at 11:45 AM

DI

Thank you so much, Kris!

Diane - February 04, 2020 at 10:12 PM

BD

“ Rich was on the short list of people you could count on Will always remember the cookies from Diane he would bring to our Satern assignments.

And Mjr Pats joy at seeing Rich agn

Sorry i cannot be there we will miss you friend. Lots!

Bill w9sww

Bill Davidson - February 03, 2020 at 11:53 PM

DI

Rick and I always enjoyed hanging out with you and SATERN at Camp Wonderland, Bill! Thank you for the kind words!

Diane - February 04, 2020 at 10:14 PM

MA

“ I only recently met Rich face to face. Had spoken to him many times on Amteur radio. He was so funny, and such a great personality on the radio. He will be missed. I am sure he is on the big microphone in the sky.
73 my friend.

Marc Holland AA9HM - February 03, 2020 at 11:22 PM

DI

Thank you, Marc!

Diane - February 04, 2020 at 10:15 PM

JS

“ He was one of the best big brothers I had.
The other was Robert. I will always keep them
in my heart. Little sister Julie.



Julie Garza Sister - February 03, 2020 at 06:00 PM

DI

Love you, honey!!

Diane - February 04, 2020 at 10:15 PM

NK

“ Richard had such a big heart. Helping the salvation army, helping during disasters, taking in stray cats. One time, he helped me out with something unpleasant, I don't remember what even, but when I thanked him he said, "that's what family is for". I still here is voice saying that.

I remember him putting my daughters crib together like it was yesterday. I will miss seeing him cross legged making jokes. How blessed we were to have him in our lives.

Nancy Kupka - February 03, 2020 at 04:08 PM

DI

Thank you, darling! It had something to do carpet installation.

I remember going to the Dells and you & I went for breakfast and came back to find Rick and Zoe watching cartoons!

Diane - February 03, 2020 at 05:46 PM

MB

I had the pleasure to meet Rich and his wife at CFMC Christmas party 2019, also remember him as an icon on the Friday night (Nightwatch) net. You will be missed. 73

Mike B, (W9BAZ)

Mike Bazydlo - February 04, 2020 at 12:19 AM

TY

“ We remember Rick as a baby, we were his godparents, as he grew, we remember the birthday parties and camping trips with the whole family. We will miss Rick and pray for him. We will not be able to come to the wake and funeral because of Uncle Tony's health. Love to Diane and Julie. We will be with you in Spirit. Love Uncle Tony and Aunt Clare and Cousin Tony.

Tony & Clare Yvinskas - February 03, 2020 at 03:33 PM

DI

Thank you so much, Tony and Clare! Love to you both!

Diane - February 03, 2020 at 05:42 PM

JS

Ah yes all the parties and camping when we were but little tikes. Search sweet sweet memories. Love you both and pray for your continued health.

Julie Garza Sister - February 03, 2020 at 06:03 PM

MH

“ Oh DJ. I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my condolences as you lay Rick to rest. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Marty Hynes

Martha Hynes - February 03, 2020 at 02:31 PM

DI

Thank you, Marty! I know you understand how it feels! Hugs and love!

Diane - February 03, 2020 at 05:43 PM