



## Richard J. Messina

May 6, 1946 - August 4, 2016

Richard J. Messina, Viet Nam Veteran, Retired Bridgeview Police Dept., Beloved Husband (47 years) of JoAnne, nee Timke. Cherished Father of Richard, Cook County Sheriff Police (Fiancee Jennifer) and Monica Messina. Proud Grandfather of Francesa and Christopher. Fond Brother of Joseph (Dolores) and Peter J. (Marianne) Messina. Dear Uncle, Cousin and Friend to many. Member of Local 399. Employee of Toyota Park. Funeral Monday 9:15 AM from FORAN FUNERAL HOME 7300 W. Archer Ave (55th St. just west of Harlem) to St. Joseph Church. Mass 10 AM. Entombment Resurrection Garden Mausoleum. Visitation Sunday 3PM to 9 PM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit  
7300 West Archer Ave  
Summit, IL 60501  
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## Prayers

AUG 8. 9:15 AM (CT)

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## Mass

AUG 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church  
7240 W. 57th Street  
Summit, IL 60501

# Tribute Wall



“ *Foran Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard J. Messina*



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**Foran Funeral Home** - August 07, 2016 at 09:57 AM

JM

“ *RICHARD J. MESSINA. Dedicated, loving husband (47 years) (JOANNE) father, (Son Rich, Daughter Monica) and proud grandfather (FJP, CJM, NCM) friend to many. Stationary Engineer for 40 years, Local 399. Retired from LINCOLN PARK ZOO, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS at 66. He was also Certified part time Bridgeview, Illinois Police Officer for 20 years. He was the devoted son of Joseph and Teresa Messina (Garfield Ridge area). Brothers Joseph and Peter. Rich attended St. Symphorsa and St. Jane De Chantal Grammar Schools, DeLaSalle High School , DePaul University and Moraine Valley College. Rich was an accomplished marksman, extremely mechanically inclined, hunted, golfed, fished and was a friend to many. Among many jobs with Local 399, he was Chief Building Engineer for the Illinois Social Security Building since it was built for 25 years. He worked in many buildings in Chicago and also the HAMMOND, INDIANA FEDERALCOURT BUILDING. His expertise and capability was highly respected by everyone. He was "Quite a guy". Rich served in the US ARMY 1966 - 1968 and in Viet Nam 1967 - 1968 . Rich was diagnosed with stage 4 throat cancer in 2008 and was treated at Loyola in Maywood, Illinois. Rich was a kind, hardworking, devoted family man. Proud Catholic and dearly loved - fine human being. He truly made the world a better place. (written by his friend since 1957 and wife Joanne Timke Messina (47 tears).*

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**JOANNE MESSINA** - July 02, 2019 at 09:30 AM

KB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, and am sorry that I missed the wake. My heart and prayers are with all your family now. Cherish your memories at this time.*  
*Kim Brown Bowles*

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**Kimberly Bowles** - August 08, 2016 at 07:58 PM

CP

“ Our condolences to all of the Messina family.  
Rich is rejoined with his mom and dad, rest in peace.

*Phillips family,  
Dave, Cindy, Nick and Ryan*

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**cindy phillips** - August 07, 2016 at 02:05 PM

AG

“ To Joanne,Ritchie,Monica my sympathy for your loss. I often think of the years we lived next door to each other and watched the kids grow and play together. Once again my deepest regrets at your loss.

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**Audrey Gasparas** - August 07, 2016 at 11:25 AM

KL

“ Our condolences go out to the Messina family. May Rich rest in piece.  
Ken and Judi LaBuda



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**KENNETH LABUDA** - August 07, 2016 at 10:18 AM



“ 91 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Foran Funeral Home** - August 07, 2016 at 09:50 AM



“ From the *Kosowski Family* purchased the *Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of *Richard J. Messina*.



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**From the Kosowski Family** - August 06, 2016 at 05:25 PM

NK

“ Rich,

*It seems as if I have known you forever, you were the Best man at my wedding to Richard Kaczmarek, we have been fortunate to know you Rich, Jo, Monica and Richie for so many years. We shared the high points and the low points together, weddings, new grandchildren. There are few people in the world that my husband considered a life long friend, but you most certainly are at the top of the list. You have fixed so many things in our home and always made the time to do it. You and Jo were a comfort to me as I lost family members along the way. We had many good, fun years together, with friends. I know we will see you again as our life is just a flicker. I know you have family to welcome you into the Pearly Gates, perhaps my sisters who you met will also greet you there. You also served your country and for that we are forever in your debt. Nanci.*

*Yes. You are the best. We have done a lot together during this life... except golf. I am honored to have been your friend all these years, and I am still your friend. It was too short. You may be gone for now, but never forgotten. I'll miss you. Rich.*

*Richard and Nanci Kaczmarek*

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**nanci kaczmarek** - August 06, 2016 at 11:49 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard J. Messina.*



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August 05, 2016 at 09:05 PM