



Richard "Papa" "Dick" Joseph Bordonaro

May 17, 1933 - January 14, 2026

Richard "Dick J. "Papa" Bordonaro, 92 of North Tonawanda, New York , Wednesday (January 14, 2026) at home surrounded by his family under the care of Niagara Hospice. Dick was born in Buffalo, New York on May 17, 1933 to Joseph and Mary (Saluizo) Bordonaro. Dick was a Army Veteran who served in the Korean War from 1953-1955, and a retired Butcher. Dick was known for his woodworking skills and being an avid Buffalo Sports fan. In his spare time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing horseshoes, going to camp, gardening, and spending cherished moments with his granddaughter Allison and sharing many adventures with his daughter Karen. Dick was predeceased by his beloved wife Carmen (Garcia) Bordonaro, son Richard Bordonaro, his siblings Michael (Elizabeth), Joseph, and Anthony Bordonaro, and Mary (Ernest) Scarozza.

Dick is survived by his son Wayne Bordonaro, and daughter Karen (Bordonaro) Behm (Thomas) , loving Granddaughter Allison Behm Family will be present to receive friends Thursday from 4:00 - 8:00 PM at the Wattengel Funeral Home, 533 Meadow Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, where funeral services will follow. Interment will be held in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. A celebration of Dick's life will be held at a later date and time to be announced.

Cemetery Details

Mount Olivet Cemetery

4000 Elmwood Ave
Kenmore, NY 14217

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home
533 Meadow Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-0440

Funeral Service

JAN 22. 8:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)
533 Meadow Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-0440
wattengelfh@gmail.com
<https://www.wattengel.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ I have fond memories of Dick, as a neighbor, a boss and a friend. He taught me the grocery, butcher business and customer service. As a teenager he hired me as his stockboy and delivery driver for his Kenmore Meat & Groceries. Saturday lunches were the best when he'd cook up prime filets for us.

Mark Bryzinski - January 24 at 11:55 AM

KL

“ I am so sorry for your loss! He was such a pleasure to be around. I'll never forget he was willing to arm wrestle Jack at one of the events at the Kendall's. I will miss talking with him at holidays. He was always in good spirits, making jokes even this past Thanksgiving. Hold close the good memories, I'm sure there were so many hugs, thoughts and prayers to you all❤️



Katie Lynch - January 23 at 10:02 AM

LH

“ Karen, I am so sorry for the loss of you dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. 💕🙏🌹

Linda Bordonaro Hawkins - January 21 at 11:53 PM

ED

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this most difficult time. May your memories of your dad bring you much comfort and peace...Elio and Therese

Elio D'Angelo - January 21 at 07:08 PM



“ 33 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wattengel Funeral Home - January 20 at 12:44 PM



“ 82 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wattengel Funeral Home - January 16 at 02:29 PM

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Wonderful Family Memories ❤️

🙏 *Dick* 🇺🇸

Christine Behm-Loughrey - January 22 at 02:55 AM

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A valiant soldier in life and to his country to the end

Christine Behm-Loughrey - January 22 at 02:56 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Papa" "Dick" Joseph Bordonaro.*



January 16 at 12:05 PM



“ *82 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Wattengel Funeral Home - January 16 at 11:15 AM

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“ Dick was a special man. Many fond memories of him playing horseshoes at our place Vitos. Always brought apple pie for any events. Prayers to you all

Teresa Wozniak - January 15 at 10:05 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Richard "Papa" "Dick" Joseph Bordonaro.



January 15 at 09:46 PM

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“ Teresa Higgins lit a candle in memory of Richard "Papa" "Dick" Joseph Bordonaro



Teresa Higgins - January 15 at 09:04 PM

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Looking through a lifetime of pictures one can see Dick loved his family, friends, country and life itself. 🇺🇸🕊️🇺🇸

Christine Behm-Loughrey - March 30 at 05:04 AM