



Richard Wayne Damalak

November 2, 1945 - August 24, 2021

Richard Wayne Damalak, age 75, of Milledgeville, passed away Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Graveside services for Richard Wayne Damalak will be conducted Friday, August 27, 2021 at 11:00 AM in the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Milledgeville, with Rev. Mike Waers officiating..

A native of Pittsburgh, PA, he was born November 2, 1945 to the late George Damalak and the late Jacquelyn Claire Curtis Damalak. Richard was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy. Throughout his life, his hobbies and interests varied from playing guitar woodworking, and boating, to grilling, cooking, cruises, and traveling. For Richard, one thing always remained the same, as he loved his family dearly. Richard attended Northridge Christian Church.

Richard is survived by his wife, Margaret Pauline Damalak of Milledgeville ; his daughters, Kristina (& Anthony) Lovato of Spanish Fort, AL, Sandy (& Andrew) Okronick of Boise, Idaho, and Patty Ruiz of Las Vegas, Nevada ; and his grandchildren, Morgan Okronick, Wyatt Okronick, and Joshua Ruiz.

The family has requested that Memorial Contributions be made to Northridge Christian Church, 321 Log Cabin Road, Milledgeville, GA 31061 (www.northridge.online)

Condolences may be expressed online at: www.williamsfuneral.net

Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery

2617 Vinson Hwy.
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Previous Events

Service

AUG 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Georgia Veteran's Memorial Cemetery
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Milledgeville, GA 31061

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Dear Peg and family, Carl and I are just now hearing of Rick's passing. Neighbors and friends for many years, lots of memories! Please know we are praying for you, please keep in touch..
Barb and Carl

Barbara Boyack - January 20, 2022 at 10:09 PM



“ I wish I could tell you on just how much it makes me sad to hear of Rick's passing. Rick and his parents were so much a part of our family.

Sharon (Koch) Peterson



Sharon Peterson - December 19, 2021 at 02:45 AM



“ *I cannot formulate the proper expression of my sadness on hearing about Rick. Too many things I'd want to be known about what a mentor, counsel and friend he was. Here are a few... gracious with his wisdom. Patient with my spirited ignorance. Stern with his guidance. He would have the right thing to say to take the sting out of this... I don't. My wife and daughter and I extend our deepest condolences to Peg and her family.*



Daryl Sanchez - September 16, 2021 at 11:41 PM

TA

“ *I am so sorry to see Richard has passed away. My deepest condolences to Peggy and family. I worked with Peggy for years in CA. They are great people.. and my heart is saddened by Richards passing.*

Tanya Steinkamp

Tanya - September 02, 2021 at 07:56 PM

CM

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CRAIG MAXWELL - September 01, 2021 at 09:10 PM

CM

Such sweet memories of our dinners at Duke's in Malibu.

Craig Maxwell - September 02, 2021 at 01:19 PM

LS

“*Rick was so full of life and wanted everyone around him to enjoy as well. Being neighbors for decades many memories were made. I'm so thankful, grateful and blessed that I was able to spend a week this May with both Rick and Peggy. What a wonderful time we had. We have lost a beautiful soul who will be sorely missed by all. He will forever remain a special place in my heart.*

Peg and family, I can only imagine what a difficult time this is for everyone. Peg, he adored you and girls, he always talked about you and your families. Your strength in your faith will get you through as well as the caring hearts of friends and family. Biggest of hugs and lots of love to all.

Affectionately OTWN Pinky (aka Lise)



Lise Sulser - August 30, 2021 at 02:18 PM

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Lise Sulser - August 30, 2021 at 02:04 PM

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Lise Sulser - August 30, 2021 at 02:03 PM

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Lise Sulser - August 30, 2021 at 01:22 PM

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Lise Sulser - August 30, 2021 at 01:20 PM

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You never know what you might see looking over the wall. LOL

Lise Sulser - August 30, 2021 at 02:01 PM

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Lise Sulser - August 30, 2021 at 12:52 PM

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Tony - August 29, 2021 at 03:34 PM

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Tony - August 29, 2021 at 03:33 PM

VS

“ Peggy & family - so sorry to hear about Rick. You & Rick were the best neighbors. The Sanchez family enjoyed you many stories and words of wisdom. The two of you are role models for what a long term marriage is about - faith, love and respect.

Our sincere condolences- Valerie & Aaron



Valerie Sanchez - August 29, 2021 at 12:10 AM



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Sandy Damalak-Okronick - August 28, 2021 at 10:25 PM

PE

“ I knew Rick and his Parents for many years through our Faith Lutheran Church. There were so many long time friends who keep in touch and I miss them all. It's hard to realize so much time has passed since we have seen each other. Of course Rick always sent out his email messages/Jokes which were nice to see. I never had the honor to meet Peg but my Mom told me how lovely she is. I'm glad you had so many wonderful years together. My condolences to Peg and Family and Friends. You will be missed - RIP Rick,

Peggy Ecklund

Peggy Ecklund - August 27, 2021 at 01:34 PM

CM

“ Rest In Peace friend, I will miss our roadside conversations...you had a great soul.

Chris Morris

Chris Morris - August 27, 2021 at 07:04 AM

CW

“ Our first impression of Rick was "What a nice guy. Is he for real?"
He was!

We always enjoyed socializing with Rick and Peggy. He was such a caring host, always putting the comfort of others before his own. You could tell he really enjoyed the people around him. We were impressed by the many friendships he had nourished and maintained for years.

Rick loved his family so much and he never hesitated to show it. He was so proud of you all. He adored Peggy and when it came to romantic gestures, he set the standard pretty high for all spouses, with sunset cruises, cocktails on the lake, and romantic dinners.

We are so happy that he found his most joyful place With Peggy in Milledgeville

We are heartbroken but feel so honored to have had him in our lives. We will miss him.

Love,

Lyle and Christy

Christy Wright - August 27, 2021 at 01:24 AM

 Judy
Ross

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Judy Ross - August 26, 2021 at 08:14 PM

NC

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Nancy Courtney - August 26, 2021 at 06:49 PM

NC

So happy we were able to get together for lunch before we came back to WA. You left CA & were so happy in GA. Peg, Nancy, Bob, Rick, Nonie & Bruno...

Nancy Courtney - September 07, 2021 at 11:58 PM

“ Dear Peg & Family:

Rick & I met at Faith Lutheran Church and I got to know him through Luther League, what fun memories, retreats, meetings, pool parties, mountains in the winter, & our famous Easter Breakfasts. We learned a tremendous amount through Bible studies & we were encouraged to be active in church responsibilities. I even had his Father George as my Sunday School teacher. He loved the station wagon they had, & we'd pile into the car, and would do a Chinese Fire Drill. For you younger folks, Rick would stay in the car, and at a stop sign, Rick would stop the car, we'd get out, run around the car, & then get back in the car and drive off. As we'd leave the house, Mom Jackie would always remind Rick to drive carefully. Rick would drop us off safely, & head home. Through Rick's skills on the computer we reunited through a website Rick put together, he kept that going for many years. We shared our happy times, memories, and prayed for one another when we had health issues, and when we sadly began losing loved ones & friends. What a blessing Rick was to all of us! He communicated with my husband Bob too as they shared a love for the "Navy" they both served and shared sea stories of their experiences. They were brothers & both served in Vietnam & understood what it was like to serve in those days, we thank Rick for his service. During these past years, we talked politics, and I could always count on Rick to send emails to us. I sensed something was wrong when I didn't hear from him. We kept in close touch, & he & I had a lot of the same views on things and he cared deeply for this country!

Peg, we were very thankful we got to spend time with you at lunch in Ca a few years back. We knew how much you both wanted to leave CA. Was thrilled for you when you realized your dream in GA, with a beautiful home, beautiful lake, and Rick being able to have a boat. You were greeted warmly by your neighbors too, and a new church.

I know Rick was not ready to leave his family & you especially Peg. But I know with certainty he was prepared to meet his Lord. We never know when our time on earth, but our steadfast in our love of

the Lord, and the promise of everlasting life....

Rick shared with me, how much he loved to go out in the early morning, and talk to the Lord, through prayer. He recently prayed for me as I was having surgery. I will never forget that, but that is the Rick I knew & loved as a brother.....

Our hearts go out to you Peg, your children & grandchildren as you mourn, we will all be praying for you. And to my friend, Rick, Rest in peace, Well done good & faithful servant.

*Peace Be With You! Love & hugs,
Nancy & Bob Courtney*

Nancy Courtney - August 26, 2021 at 06:35 PM

RC

“ *I met Rick through my wife Nancy in 1966. Though not close, I would consider us friends. We shared a Navy background, patriotism towards our country and a sense of responsibility to be the best citizens we could be. Rick, may you rest in peace and have fair winds and following seas. Richard Damalak, United States Navy, sadly you have been relieved of your watch. Attention all hands - Richard Damalak as been removed from the Duty Watch Bill, he has performed his duties in an exceptional manner.*

*Robert Courtney
U.S. Navy Retired*

Robert Courtney - August 26, 2021 at 06:06 PM

PH

“ My favorite memory of Rick was his version of how we met. It was Easter Sunday 1958 @ Faith Lutheran Church in La Puente, he claims I stepped on his new shoes, & that I scuffed them, & I of course denied it & we got into a tussle right there on the Church front lawn. I don't remember how it ended other than we've been best friends ever since.
To include being in their wedding.
63 terrific years with a great guy, that's how friendship are supposed to be.

PAUL HELLER - August 26, 2021 at 05:41 PM

BS

“ I remember Rick from Faith Lutheran Church in La Puente, California 1957. We went to summer Camp in the mountains. We were in Luther League together, in high school. His parents were the youth sponsors. They were the ones who told my then boyfriend, Bruno, that he was too old for me. We remained friends over the years and we went to his and Peggy's wedding. We have seen each other's children grow up. He and Peggy came to our 50th wedding anniversary. We had planned to visit them, in Georgia. He and Peggy were enjoying their retirement there. Our hearts break for Peggy and the girls! We know he is in the arms of Jesus and will see him again.
Love,
Nonie & Bruno

Bruno & Nonie Stoecklein - August 26, 2021 at 01:55 PM