



Richard J. Cupelli

January 7, 1924 - November 25, 2016

Richard J. Cupelli, 92, of Morgantown, passed away Friday, November 25, 2016 at the Monongalia General Hospital. Born Jan. 7, 1924 in Point Marion, Pa., he was a son of the late Gaetana (Palermo) and Emile Cupelli, Sr.

A 1943 graduate of Point Marion High School, he also graduated from West Virginia University, where he received his B.S. and M.S degrees. Richard served with the U.S. Navy during World War II, and retired from the Central Accounting Office of the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. Following retirement, he moved back to Morgantown, spending the winters in Florida. He was a member of St. Francis deSales R.C. Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the Elks Lodge, all in Morgantown.

This kind and gracious man lived his life utterly devoted to his family. He was an amazing husband to his loving wife, Madeline, with whom he shared 71 wonderful years. She was the light of his life and there wasn't a day he didn't tell her how much he loved her, or how beautiful she was. He was an incredible father to his son and best friend, Jim, with whom he shared countless jokes and laughs as well as to his daughter, Nancy, who cannot thank him enough for the values he instilled in his family, showing them what it means to be a dedicated and loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. He was so proud of his grandchildren, Tricia and Todd, as well as his great-grandchildren, Connor and Jessica, who he loved beyond words. He will be

missed by his brother and friend, Joe, with whom he remained close throughout his life.

Surviving is his wife, Madeline A. (Christner) Cupelli; two children, Richard "Jim" Cupelli, Jr. of Morgantown, and Nancy Green (Frank Diettinger) of Washington, Pa.; two grandchildren, James "Todd" (Laura Torres) Green of Asheville, North Carolina and Tricia (Jim) Suschak of Morgantown; two great-grandchildren, Conner Torres Green and Jessica Suschak; and two brothers, Emile Cupelli, Jr. of Baltimore, and Joseph (Barbara) Cupelli of Morgantown; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Cupelli; two sisters, Juanita Swanger and Virginia Cupelli; a brother-in-law Roy Swanger; a sister-in-law Phyllis Cupelli; a daughter-in-law Debra Cupelli; and a grand-niece, Jennifer Swanger.

Friends will be received in the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, on Monday from 10 AM until the 1:00 PM hour of a Blessing Service in the funeral home. Interment follows in Evergreen Memorial Park, Point Marion, with military rites accorded at the graveside by the Point Marion Veterans Posts.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of his service to our country, the family suggests memorial donations be offered to the V.F.W. Post 747, 115 Penn Street, Point Marion, PA 15474, for assistance to local veterans.

The Cupelli family would like to extend their sincere thanks to the fourth floor staff of Monongalia General Hospital and Morgantown Hospice for the kindness and loving care given to Richard during his final days. Thanks also to everyone who knew Richard for blessing him with a wonderful life, full of friends, laughter and love.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park

7500 Morgantown Road
Point Marion, PA 15474

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 28. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Herod-Rishel Funeral Home
501 Morgantown Street
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Tribute Wall

GG

“ I will always remember him with a smile. He was so much fun to be around. What a GREAT man.

Gordy Green

Gordy Green - December 01, 2016 at 09:22 PM

GG

“ Gordy Green lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Cupelli



Gordy Green - December 01, 2016 at 09:14 PM

DK

“ God speed Richard. My condolences to the entire family. I will always remember "mad dog" and how he made me laugh. My youth was spent listening to his many stories and his wonderful laugh. He truly touched my life in many, many ways.

Dennis Kelley



Dennis M Kelley - November 30, 2016 at 11:11 AM

SG

“ Dear Nancy,

Rob and I send our condolences to you and your family. We have fond memories of watching both our daughters march down High Street in the Morgantown high school band from the windows of our office with my parents and your parents. The view was great, the potluck food was delicious and the company was fun! It's hard to believe it was thirty years ago.

Please extend our deepest sympathies to Madeline.

Susan and Robert Graves

Susan Graves - November 29, 2016 at 10:06 AM

LF

“ *Very saddened to hear about Richard's passing. He was a great neighbor for many years, always cracking jokes and in an upbeat mood. He even threw a football to our son a few short years ago and actually had a pretty good spiral!! He will be missed by many.*
Larry & Debbie Falconi and kids

LARRY & DEBBIE FALCONI - November 28, 2016 at 06:05 PM

JB

“ *Happy memories of a sweet man who loved his family so much.*
Rest In Peace. Jeannine

jeannine branch - November 28, 2016 at 11:14 AM

LS

“ LOVE SHIRLEY, SHEILA, MIKE & ALAN SMITH purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard J. Cupelli.



LOVE SHIRLEY, SHEILA, MIKE & ALAN SMITH - November 28, 2016 at 10:41 AM

DE

“ You will be missed, Uncle Richard. Rest In Peace.



Deana - November 28, 2016 at 09:25 AM

JL

“ Jim Lester lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Cupelli



Jim Lester - November 28, 2016 at 06:46 AM

JL

“ Will always remember his kind heart and patience. Lots of memories growing up, and glad he helped guide us as a parent. Condolences to the family.

Jim Lester - November 28, 2016 at 06:41 AM

JM

“ Sincerest condolences, Jimmy, to you and your family, on the passing of your father. My memory of him is that I never saw him without a smile on his face, and his laughter was contagious. A great man all around.

Best,

Jim (Topy) McMillion

J. McMillion - November 27, 2016 at 05:44 PM

JM

“ Sincerest condolences, Jimmy, to you and your family on your dad's passing. My memory of him is that I never saw him without a smile on his face, and his laughter was contagious. A great man all around.

Best,

Jim (Topy) McMillion

J. McMillion - November 27, 2016 at 05:38 PM

MR

“ Pap was such a huge part of Sidney and I life. He supported me when I lost my husband telling me how God would want me to move with Grace and happiness Pap always told Sidney how Beautiful she is and how she could be anything she wanted in life But most of all he always told her how he loved her kind heart to everyone I believe that made such a surrender in a young girls life without her father We have lots of parties at my house that Pap and Nanny came to as we did Tricia house so many memories will forever remain in my heart. Pap touched us and so many people in his life and didn't even know it for he was a humble kind and God loving man Love you Pap

marie Robinson - November 27, 2016 at 12:09 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Kelley Shaffer lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Cupelli



Rhonda Kelley Shaffer - November 27, 2016 at 11:39 AM

RS

“ Richard was like a second father to me in our neighborhood. He and Madeline were wonderful people and they were always kind and loving to us all !! I thought of Nancy & Jimmy as family, and I am blessed to have had them all in my life. I remember when Richard bought a Whirl-a-gig & the entire neighborhood swarmed his yard !!! 😊 He is dearly loved & I know that Jesus has welcomed him warmly into Heaven !!! 🙏 Blessings to you all !!!

Rhonda Kelley Shaffer - November 27, 2016 at 11:38 AM

JG

“ To know him was to love him!! Jim & I are so glad that he & Nanny have been a part of our lives for the last 10 years, we always enjoyed seeing him & that smile!! He was always happy & ready to share a joke to make you laugh. We are grateful we got to visit him at the hospital recently & share some memories; he thanked us for having him to our farm for family get togethers & we all got to say "I love you"! Goodye for now PapPap, keep smiling & know you were loved! We will see you again one day 🙏❤️

Love,
Charlotte & Jim Green

Jim & Charlotte Green - November 27, 2016 at 10:29 AM

JG

“ Jim & Charlotte Green lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Cupelli



Jim & Charlotte Green - November 27, 2016 at 10:02 AM

RC

“ This is my memory. My Uncle Richard, Uncle Joe and my Dad, Emile being in a store in Maryland, trying jackets on that were way too small and asking the clerks if they looked good, Meanwhile, all of them laughing so hard, that I thought they were going to fall on the floor. It is a great memory for me, because it was just three brothers having a lot of fun together.

ROSE M CUPELLI - November 26, 2016 at 07:54 PM

RC

“ ROSE M CUPELLI lit a candle in memory of
Richard J. Cupelli



ROSE M CUPELLI - November 26, 2016 at 07:45 PM

GG

“ What a great and wonderful person that I always enjoyed being
around. He loved life and family more than anything, he also had
the best sense of humor. I will miss him.
Gary Green

Gary Green - November 26, 2016 at 06:39 PM