



## Richard A. Corni

September 3, 1923 - October 27, 2017

Smsgt. Richard “Dick, Ritchie” A. Corni, age 94, died peacefully on Friday, October 27, 2017, at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Syracuse, NY.

Richard was born to Eugene and Rose Corni on September 3, 1923, in Manchester, NY. After his high school graduation, he enlisted as an Airman in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Richard attended Syracuse University, where he lettered in boxing in 1946. He re-enlisted in the USAF and served through the Korean War and start of the Vietnam War, another twenty-four years. Richard earned many honors, including the Bronze Star in 1953.

Upon retiring from the military, Dick settled in Liverpool and worked for General Electric another twenty or so years. Dick enjoyed bowling, golf, and horseshoes at the Pioneer Club. He was one of the early members of the Clay Sportsmen Club and spent many hours enjoying camaraderie there when he was in the states. Dick spent most of his retirement traveling between his children, Liverpool, and his second home in Manila, Philippines.

Richard was married to Martha VanWiggeren in 1956. He was a generous and loving father to his three children, Ellen (Dean) Belfiore, David (Sherry) Corni, and Janet (Joseph) Atkinson. He was a caring grandfather and great-grandfather. Richard’s parents, wife, grandson, brother, and many friends predecease him.

In honor of his wishes, no services will be held. Family will be with him when he is interred at Arlington National Cemetery. For those wishing to honor Dick, donations may be made to the Clay Sportsmen Club or Wreaths Across America ([www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)).

To express sympathy, please visit [www.ballweg-lunsford.com](http://www.ballweg-lunsford.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Arlington National Cemetery**

Arlington, VA 22211

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I met Dick years ago in the Philippines and always enjoyed my time with him. He will be sorely missed by me and many others here. Deepest condolences to his family and friends. Rick Staheli*

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**Rick Staheli** - January 11, 2018 at 12:42 AM

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“ *"Uncle Dick" was such a huge part of our family's life, and my parent's closest friend. A kinder soul you will never meet. Janet, David, and Ellen, I'm re-living so many childhood memories and sending you love and peace.*  
*Heather Staring*

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**Heather Staring** - December 06, 2017 at 08:19 PM

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“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers to the family. The Lemkes*

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**sheila lemke** - November 01, 2017 at 04:38 PM

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“ *sending our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. love, dan and tina walker*

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**walker** - October 31, 2017 at 03:38 PM

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“ *Our condolences on your loss. Sandi and Marc Lehman*

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**Sandi Lehman** - October 30, 2017 at 09:14 PM

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“ *Sorry for your loss, RIP Richard,  
Former neighbor at Morgan Rd.  
Pat Card*

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**Pat Card** - October 30, 2017 at 10:18 AM