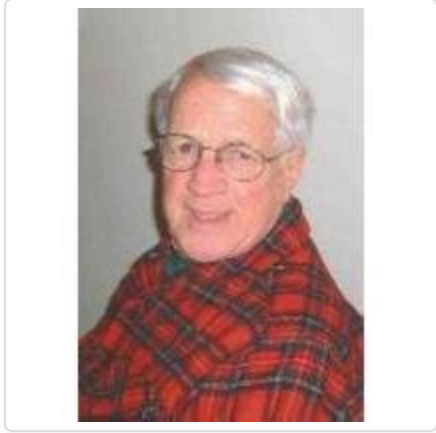




Richard E. Dodge

October 2, 1936 - October 20, 2005

Richard E. "Dick" Dodge, 69, of LaFayette, New York died peacefully at home on Thursday, October 20, 2005, surrounded by his loving family.

Richard was born October 2, 1936 in Syracuse, New York, the son of Earl and Florence (Appleton) Dodge. He retired in 2004 from Polk City Directories. He was a life member of the National Rifle Association.

Dick is survived by his loving children, Richard R. Dodge of LaFayette, New York, Navy CAPT Deborah Dodge of Syracuse, New York, Sharon (Roger) McElhannon of LaFayette, New York, Stacy Langdon of Concorde, North Carolina, Stephanie Parr of Tully, New York and Betty Lyons, Nedrow, New York; stepchildren, Dr. Erik Sorensen of Princeton, New Jersey, Timothy Dodge of Tully, New York and Carolyn "Carrie" Dodge of Fulton, New York. Dick was predeceased by his daughter, Susan Dodge, January 22, 2004.

Dick is also survived by his loving companion, Gloria Hirst; three sisters, Eleanor Burt of Tully, New York, Gertrude Galvin of Warners, New York and Marilyn O'Mara of Syracuse, New York; three brothers, Edward Dodge of Bernhard's Bay, New York, Leonard Dodge of LaFayette, New York and Bruce Dodge of Jordan, New York; his former wife, Roberta Marty Dodge of Tully, New York; seven loving grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services: Monday, October 24, 2005, 1:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford
Funeral Home, Inc.

Burial: LaFayette Rural Cemetery,
Route 11, LaFayette, New York.

Calling Hours: Sunday, October 23, 2005, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the funeral
home, 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York.

Contributions: Hospice Foundation of Central New York, 990 Seventh North
Street, Liverpool, New York 13088.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard E. Dodge*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - October 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM



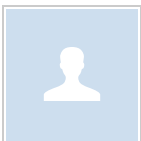
“ *Grampie! Thinking of you today, and everyday! I miss you soooo much! And, I Love You endlessly. xox Erin Lynn*

October 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I love and miss you dearly grampie! Thank-You! XOXO*

October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gloria is here and staying at Shars. I am sure that you already know that though! She has gone through soo much loss recently. The only sense that I can make of it is that you are all celebrating up there! Happy Fourth of July Grampie! Can't wait till the wedding and wish you could be there in person! Knowing that you will be there in spirit! Miss Youuuu!!! :)*

July 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Grampie! Merry Christmas! It just isn't the same without you here to celebrate with us. I still hold dear to my heart, the beautiful serving platter that you and Gloria got for me. I will think only of you when I use it. I miss You! And I LOVE YOU!*

December 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Missing you soooooooooo much! Telling people about you and your stories. Knowing that you are here with me. Knowing that you are guiding me and helping me make the right descisions. Knowing that you are soooo happy that I have a ring on my finger and a home to call my own. Hurting, and knowing that it is ALL a part of my journey. That's right bub! Hoping that you visit me again SOON! Needing your presence! You are forever and ALWAYS in my heart!! My Grampie*

October 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Grampie, I have thought alot about you lately. Cannot believe that you are not on our earth anymore...Seems awfully wierd! I guess it is really setting in now for me. I have not dreamt in a while...wish I would! Hint, Hint! Took a drive yesterday and saw some most beautiful sights with Bennie. What a lovely place we live in! The rolling hills and..if you are positioned just right, n o houses! I LOVE YOU! and always will! See you soon! XOXOX...Holy Shit Bub! - Punkin' Head.....*

March 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hi Sweetiepie, Today is Valentine's Day 2006, and you are in my thoughts more today because of the very Special Love we have for each other, and because of your thoughtfulness and kindness. I miss you so very much and You Will Forever Be My Only Love. I LOVE YOU HUGS AND KISSES AND A SPECIAL ROSE FOR YOU ON THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY.*

February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Dad, How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and breadth and height my soul can reach, when feeling out of sight; for the ends of being and ideal grace. I love thee to the level of every day's most quiet need, by sun and candle-light. I love thee freely, as men strive for right. I love thee purely, as they turn from praise. I love thee with the passion put to use in my old griefs, and with a love I seemed to lose with my lost saints. I love thee with the breath, smiles, tears, of all my life; and if God so choose, I shall love thee better after death.---Poem written by Elizabeth Barrett Browning---Sent to you, my Dad, from your loving daughter, Shar*

February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM



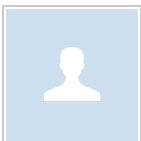
“ Hi Sweetie, Today is Thanksgiving and I have so much to be Thankful for. Most of all I am thankful for having You in my life, and all the Beautiful Memories we have shared. I am thankful for the Love of Your Family and Friends, and their support. These Holidays will be very lonely without you but I know you are here in my Heart and will guide me through this as you always have. I will save a place at my table for you today, and think of all the Wonderful Thanksgivings we have spent together. I LOVE YOU AND I MISS YOU SO MUCH. YOU ARE ALWAYS IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AND ALWAYS IN MY HEART. MAY GOD BLESS YOU. YOUR SWEETCHEEKS

November 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi my Sweetie, Today is November 20th and a very sad day for me. It is hard to believe that you have been gone from me a month today. I miss you so much. You always knew what to say to me and how to comfort me. Today is also Sunday, which was always our day to go for Breakfast at one of our favorite restaurants. I miss our Sunday drives in the country. You are the Love Of My Life and I am looking forward to the day when we will be together again. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH. YOU ARE IN MY HEART ALWAYS. LOVE, "YOUR SWEETCHEEKS"

November 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I knew Dick through my good friend, Gloria. He became my friend. He was a ball to be around. Always happy, and good to others. He will be missed.

November 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Sweetiepie,I miss you so much.Just wanted you to know I went to the surgeon on 10/31 and I don't have a date set for my surgery. I have to be cleared by my primary doctor first. I will let you know as soon as I hear.You are the sunshine of my life and My Love for You Will Never End.I LOVE YOU SO MUCH

October 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM



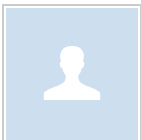
“ Good Morning Sweetiepie. Remembering all the wonderful times we have had. You are missed so much. I wish only peace for you now. I LOVE YOU.

October 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM



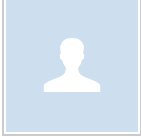
“ Dick,My Sweetiepie and the Love of My Life. You gave me the happiest eight years of my life. You are the Love of My Life and I will Miss You So Much.Your beautiful smile,your warm and tender touch,and hearing you call me"Sweetcheeks.I will miss our fishing trips and our Sunday drives. You gave me many gifts and the greatest gift of all was Your Love.Your beautiful family, and the Love they have for you and watching your eyes light up when any of them came in the room.Thank You for giving me the honor of Loving You and being a part of your family.I Love You and Will Love You Always.Your Sweetcheeks

October 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Today is one more day of missing you. I am able to draw my strength from your Love for me.You are always in my thoughts and will remain in my heart forever.I LOVE YOU Sweetcheeks

October 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Uncle Dick, You have been such a special person in my life; especially this past year. I will miss you so much- our weekly gatherings at Sharon's; the jokes, the funny stories and "hardy" laughs, nick names, stories and memories of Tom and Sue and most of all your big generous heart. But I know that you will continue to be there with us in spirit. Thank you for giving me the most precious gift ever-something that I have to remember both you and Tom by. I am so happy that you are finally at peace and in the company of so many loving friends and family members. I am especially happy that you and Tom can once again sit around and "swap tall tales"! It makes me smile just to think of that. I am so grateful for so many fun, loving memories to cherish for the rest of my days. Our family and Gloria are so lucky to have had such a gentle, caring, loving, generous and funny person in our lives. I love you and miss you so much! Love, your "Donald"

October 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Grampie, First off, THANK YOU! For all of your awesome stories through the years. You made Ranger School more enjoyable knowing that you too had once been a victim of the storms! Secondly, I am soo glad that I was able to share your last hours with you. You are now at peace with my sweet aunt Sue. Please let her know that I said hello and that she can come to me whenever she feels like it...that goes for you too! You were one of the few who could share this gift with me, and I thank you for making me feel at ease when others questioned my sanity. I will never forget seeing your spirit on that night and how it went with ease to the heavens. Thirdly, things at Tom's are going great! I know that you always wanted to be sure your grandchildren were happy and heading down the right path. Lastly don't worry about all of US, we will be doing just fine, we have lots of love and support from those around us who genuinely care. I will see you soon enough in your beautiful kingdom! Kisses Grampie, Erin Lynn :)

October 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Sunshine,lollipops and rainbows everywhere. You always liked this when I came in singing it. I hope it still puts a smile on your face. I will miss you and will think of you often.

October 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ my prayers are with you.

October 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go to the entire Dodge family. “Mr. Dodge” was a kind, gentle and loving man, and is now at peace and with Susan.

October 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ When we see the happiness in our sister, we are convinced that Heaven has a brand new angel. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Dodge Family. We are greatly sorry for your loss. God Bless you all.

October 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ He was a very sweet man and he surely will be missed. We love you Dick.

October 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Today is Susan's birthday, and I know you are with her in heaven. My heart goes out to Gloria and the extended Dodge family. I will always remember the fantastic way Dick had of filling a room with laughter from his well articulated stories! He could talk about anything, and with such a passion and ability to entirely engage those listening. He loved his baby Garrett, and always spoke of him with such pride. He had a charming way about him, he was very magnetic. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are entirely with this wonderful family, and please forgive me for being unable to bring myself to walk into Ballweg in person.

October 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Dick,I love you, but you knew that. I will miss you so much; I will remember the sunny days we spent in my back yard this summer. I am so happy for you; you are with Sue, Mom and Dad, Jim and Lois and Tom. I know that you were welcomed with big smiles and open arms. I'll be seeing you.Love, Ellie

October 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYS ARE WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY....HE'LL BE MISSED DEEPLY NOT BEING ABLE TO FEED HIM DINER ANYMORE...

October 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dad-my friend, my heart, my teacher, my comfort, my rock....As his loving, faithful family Who shared his love and life, We will find comfort in our grief, In knowing his passing brought sweet relief. Now he is free from all suffering and pain, Our great loss became his gain.We know his love is with us still; He loved us in life & always will. Love like ours can never die, We take it with us to the sky. Dad is happy & free once more, He's with our loves who've gone before, Waiting happily for us at eternity's door. Dad, I'll see you in the springtime breeze, the soft sighs of of the feilds, the trees. You've left us in body, But never in spirit; Just whisper to me, You know I'll hear it. I love you, Shar

October 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My other ""dad""I'll miss you. God Bless You.

October 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM