



Richard T. Graham

January 17, 2026

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Spencerport: Saturday, January 17, 2026 at age 84. Survived by his wife of 61 years, Judy; children, Darlene (David) Earle, Joseph (Nancy), and Robert (Michelle); grandchildren, Graham, Kelsie, Brenna, Evan, Shane, Joshua and Monica; great-grandchildren, Boden, Grady, Clark and Ronald; and several nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Richard grew up in the 19th Ward as the youngest of five children. In his youth, he was a boxer and played basketball. He began his career serving in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Era. After his service, Richard worked at Eastman Kodak, attended Rochester Institute of Technology, and built a successful career as an electrical engineer.

Richard was a man of many talents and interests, was actively involved in activities connected to his Catholic faith and Irish heritage. He was also an inventor and was awarded a patent for a fan-support hat he designed for football enthusiasts.

Richard was a fan of the Notre Dame and Buffalo Bills football teams. He loved math, skiing, golfing, and working on classic cars. He had a way of making people laugh with his story telling. He was supported by his loving wife, Judy and loved all the generations of his growing family.

Family and friends may call at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home Sunday 12-3pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to AOH Division 7, PO Box 221 Pittsford, NY 14534.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN **25**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Dick Graham and JFK*

September 28, 1960: Coming from the Rochester Airport to the War Memorial downtown, John F. Kennedy's entourage passes Dick Graham's favorite hangout, Nothnagle's Hots on Genesee Street. Adoring onlookers cheer Kennedy on as he waves from his perch on a huge, white convertible. Dick knew cars, motorcycles, and all that kind of stuff. He would have quickly recognized the car's make, a 1960 Lincoln Continental Mark V. Dick's not in that picture, but he was very close by. If Smartphones had been around back then, clear videos of JFK would show the Mark V continuing on, passing by St. Monica's Church and Angelina's Pizza, then slowing almost to a stop just before the intersection of Genesee and Sawyer. The video would show JFK turn to the west and look and wave to a singular figure standing in the open bay of the Gulf Gas Station at the southwest corner of Genesee and Sawyer. Zooming in, the person is wearing a somewhat grubby, one-piece mechanic's monkey suit, and seems to be holding a metal object, maybe a carburetor, partially draped with a shop rag. Zooming in more, it becomes obvious that the lone mechanic is none other than Dick Graham, smiling and waving at JFK with his free hand. Dick always said with great pride that JFK looked "right at me." The Dick Graham/JFK connection was made.



Jim Martin - January 31 at 11:25 AM

AO

“ *God Bless our Aquinas Brother.*



Aquinas Alumni Office - January 28 at 07:56 AM

JB

“ *The Veterans Outreach Center extends our deepest sympathy in Richard's passing.*

We acknowledge and are truly grateful for his service to our country.

Joan Brandenburg - January 25 at 01:27 PM

CW

“ Dick was such a great guy and I was lucky to have known him for over 50 years. His sense of humor was outstanding and you couldn't help but be happy around him. Judy picked a winner when she chose him to spend her life with and create a family together.

Carol Warden

Carol Warden - January 25 at 12:28 PM

BS

“ I was lucky enough to have Dick (and Judy) as a friend for over 60 years. I greatly appreciated his terrific sense of humor and story telling abilities. He seemed to possess a wealth of knowledge about many things. I will miss him at our monthly "lunch guys" lunches. Please accept my condolences to Judy and to the rest of his family. Bob Shannon

Bob Shannon - January 25 at 11:16 AM

JM

“ Dick was the talented point guard/ball-handler on the St. Monica's Diocesan Championship Team, 1955/56. Feed the single/double post, the "give & go," the 4&1 weave- Dick could do it all. Some of his expertise may have come from advice from his older brother Ed:) That smile never changed. Easy to spot in the pic.



Jim Martin - January 23 at 01:05 PM



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Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home - January 22 at 12:27 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Richard T. Graham.



January 21 at 01:50 PM



“ *Full Heart* was purchased for the family of Richard T. Graham.



January 19 at 09:10 PM



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January 19 at 09:05 PM