



## Richard Tutalo

August 20, 1949 - February 1, 2022

Richard Tutalo, 72, resident of Orlando, Florida, passed away on February 1, 2022.

Rich was born on August 20, 1949 in East Orange, NJ. He was predeceased by his parents Leonard and Grace (nee DeZenzo) Tutalo, and his brothers Leonard Jr. and James. He grew up in West Orange, NJ where he met his wife, Sandra (nee Giordano), of 53 years.

Richard was a U.S. Army veteran and served in Korea from 1967 through 1969.

He was a true jack-of-all-trades working multiple jobs while balancing family and community commitments. He was a long-time member of the West Orange Elks where he coordinated numerous fundraisers for special needs children, enjoyed cooking for large events and was elected Exalted Ruler by his peers.

He had a gift for connecting with young adults often volunteering to coach youth sports teams. Rich self-termed himself “Mr. Nice Guy,” but the grandchildren lovingly referred to him as “Grumpy Gramps”. He was an avid fisherman and golfer, and he loved talking sports, especially about his “Amazin’ Mets”. He was always eager to lend a helping hand for his family

and friends, he loved spending time with his grandkids and always made a point to spend one-on-one time with each one of them.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sandra (nee Giordano) Tutalo; his loving daughters and their spouses, Kim and Brian deZavala, and Tracey and Michael Lombardi; his six adoring grandchildren, Kevyn and his fiancée Christina Conrad, Emily and Riley deZavala, and Matthew, Ryan and Logan Lombardi; his in-laws Joann Tutalo, Gary and Jodi Giordano, and Frances Giordano; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, he would have greatly appreciated your support for the Elks Special Children's Committee. Make a donation in Richard Tutalo's name to the Elks Camp Moore by sending your donation to: New Jersey State Elks, Special Children's Committee, Camp Moore, PO Box 1596, Woodbridge, NJ 07095

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

FEB 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory West Orange Chapel  
1400 Matthew Paris Blvd.  
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## Memorial Service

FEB 4. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kim, I am too sorry to hear about the passing of your father  
Sending lots of love, Nancy Beasley*

Nancy - February 24, 2022 at 09:52 AM

TK

“ *We are so sorry for your loss, your family will be in our thoughts and  
prayers during this difficult time.*

*Tina and Zack Kimmel*

Tina Kimmel - February 08, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Richard Tutalo.*



February 04, 2022 at 11:11 AM

KB

“ *To a good friend of our family, and a great golf buddy. Our  
condolences to Sandy and family. Rest in Peace Rich.*

*Kimmel & Burgun Families*

Karin Burgun - February 04, 2022 at 08:52 AM

AR

“ Aunt Jennie, Aurora & TJ, Mic and Richie purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Richard Tutalo.



Aunt Jennie, Aurora & TJ, Mic and Richie - February 04, 2022  
at 08:49 AM

RB

“ Robert Kimmel and Dan & Karin Burgun purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Tutalo.



Robert Kimmel and Dan & Karin Burgun - February 04, 2022  
at 08:24 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Tutalo.



February 04, 2022 at 08:12 AM

AJ

“ Aunt Jennie lit a candle in memory of Richard Tutalo



Aunt Jennie - February 04, 2022 at 07:53 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Tutalo.



February 04, 2022 at 07:47 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Richie passing. He was Mr. Nice Guy to me since I was 8 years old. My prayers to Sandy, Kim & Tracy and his entire family. His favorite nickname for me was little beach as my Mom was big beach. Always in loving and caring terms. You will be missed by many. Catch the big one!!!

**Kathy Giordano (Gary & Gail's daughter)** - February 03, 2022 at 08:15 PM



“ Richie was my beloved cousin. I will miss him very much. He never forget to call my mother and me for Christmas. He was very special. Rest in the arms of the angels Richie!❤️🙏

**Joanne Williams** - February 03, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ Linda Dan and Karen and families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Tutalo.



**Linda Dan and Karen and families** - February 03, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Richard Tutalo*.



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February 03, 2022 at 05:47 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Richard Tutalo*.



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February 03, 2022 at 03:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Richard Tutalo*.



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February 03, 2022 at 02:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Richard Tutalo*.



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February 03, 2022 at 01:37 PM

KI

“ 12 files added to the album Mr. Nice Guy



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kimdz22 - February 03, 2022 at 01:03 PM