



## Richard Bohmer

August 11, 1946 - November 29, 2024

How it began...

Rich's early life was a little rough as when living in New York City at ages 10 through 11 he lost both parents due to heart disease. His older brother, Donald and his wife, Jane, took on the responsibility of raising him and two other brothers and off they went to a country town in western Pennsylvania to a very different life.

Because of grading differences between the two states, the Pennsylvania school system put him a year ahead and he graduated at the age of 16. As there was no opportunity for college and employment was very limited, Rich decided to return to his roots in NYC and at the age of almost 17 was completely independent, renting a furnished room in the Bronx and enjoying the many well-paying employment opportunities that the city offered. He eventually graduated to apartment living with one of his brothers and he thought he was living the dream, especially when he met his future wife, Roseann in a Five and Ten in the Bronx; a song was actually written about this situation, but credit can't be taken as it was before Rich and Roseann met.

A new reality hit Rich when his best friend was drafted in 1965 and he found that his draft card had the same 1A marking. Essentially, this meant that the government could call your number at any moment. With the Vietnam War

ramping up and after counseling with his brothers, he joined the U.S. Air Force in 1965 and honorably served as a radar technician for four years.

Rich's tenure in the USAF (1965-1969) was during the Vietnam War and although his squadron was deployed to Vietnam, he was at that time already deployed to Korea installing Radar Systems for the Korean Air Force and was deferred from this assignment. Feeling very blessed that he may have literally dodged a bullet, when returning from Korea, Rich and Roseann decided to get married a year later. His last duty station was to Alaska to a remote Radar facility inside the Arctic Circle until his discharge in April of 1969.

Rich and Roseann started their life together in a Bronx apartment and moved to New Jersey shortly after the birth of their first son, Bill. While living in NJ, they were blessed with two more children; their son, Greg and their daughter, Wendy (his "Twink"). They lived mostly in southern NJ in the Philly Metro area and became Phillies, Eagles, and 76ers sports fans, although the NY Mets were never far from their hearts.

When Greg and Wendy moved to the Northern Virginia area, met their spouses, and started raising their own families, Northern Virginia became a common denominator. Bill eventually moved down to Virginia and met his spouse and they eventually settled in West Virginia. Rich was very proud of all his children and the lives they created for their families.

These events motivated Rich and Roseann to move to Virginia after Rich was able to obtain a job transfer and allowed them to be very active grandparents in the lives of their 8 Grandchildren: Brycen, Giuliana, Caprice, Brody, Ethan, Owen, DevotaRose, and Audrey - all of whom he loved dearly.

Rich's career covered various positions in the communications industry over 40 years supporting State, Local and Federal Law Enforcement and he

presented at a number of National Law Enforcement conferences as a subject matter expert. His working career included being a licensed radio technician, field engineer, sales engineer, software product support engineer, system integration specialist and Industry consultant. In this last role he helped navigate his customers in the complex process of transition from Analog to Digital Technology. He retired in 2009 and had enjoyed 15 years of a peaceful retirement with his family.

Rich was an Honorary Life member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the American Legion Post 1799 in Haymarket. He was active in his church and served as a Eucharistic Minister and CCD teacher. He was part of a team that collected food from supermarkets and delivered it to the local food pantries.

He was very proud of his country and his message to his fellow citizens is that learning a skill and hard work can bring your own version of the American Dream into reality...it did for him.

Rich is predeceased by his parents, William and Mary Bohmer, and his five brothers, Donald, Jack, William, Peter, and Gregory.

He is also predeceased by all his known Aunts and Uncles: John and Jean Cullen, Pete and Jean Cullen, Tom and Ann McLean; and his first cousins, Tom Cullen, Tom McLean, Joann McLean, and John McLean.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Roseann and their three children: sons, William and his wife Marcey, Gregory and his wife Pam and their daughter, Wendy Roche and her husband Matthew. Rich is also survived by his niece, Carol Entwistle, and his nephews, David Bohmer, Robert Bohmer, Joseph Bohmer, Jeffrey Bohmer and James Bohmer and their families. He is also

survived by his cousins, Jack Cullen and Brian Cullen.

"To my family: do not mourn as God has granted me a great life and we will be together again in God's Holy Kingdom."

The family will receive guests at Pierce Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 10 from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at All Saints Catholic Church on Wednesday, December 11 at 11:30 AM, followed by a graveside service with military honors at Quantico National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Rich's name to Catholic Charities or Catholic Relief Services.

# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Visitation

DEC 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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**DEC 11.** 11:30 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
9300 Stonewall Rd  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 368-4500

## **Graveside Service**

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**DEC 11.** 1:30 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery  
18424 Joplin Road  
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# Tribute Wall

LK

“ There aren't enough words I can say about Rich. He was a spectacular human being. I loved working with him and we shared so many great stories and memories. He will forever be in my heart and mind.

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**Larry Kissane** - October 19, 2025 at 04:01 PM

DB

“ I only just found out about Rich's passing. I admit that I did not know him well. But, on the several occasions when I did meet and talk with him I noticed immediately that he was a very kind, loving and caring person having all the important qualities fir the keys to heaven. As a Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, and a Vietnam Veteran . . . Rest in Peace my brother. Dennis Byrne

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**Dennis Byrne** - January 05, 2025 at 06:32 AM

PM

“ I knew Rich well working with him at Motorola and later with different companies. I always thought of him as an exceptionally competent man but also one of the nicest and trustworthy around. My sincerest wishes for his family.

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**Pete Malvasi** - December 12, 2024 at 04:39 PM

MI

“ *Richard are connection thru the American Legion was short. But I felt that I was standing next to a Giant. I will miss are short little conversations while at the meetings. It was an honor standing next to such a wonderful, strong individual. Your job here on earth is done. You have served it well. Go and be at peace with God.*



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**Mickie** - December 09, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Bohmer.*



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December 09, 2024 at 10:07 AM

RP

“ *Rich and Margo Polulak purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Bohmer.*



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**Rich and Margo Polulak** - December 07, 2024 at 12:43 PM

BG

“ *Dear Roseann and Family,  
We are saddened to hear of Rich’s passing, but we also know he is  
with our Lord in Heaven.  
Rich was one of nicest people you could ever meet, who cherished  
and adored his wife and children.*

*We were so blessed to have the Bohmer’s as our favorite neighbors  
for many years.. We cherish the friendship and memories of your  
wonderful family.*

*We love you all dearly..  
Don and Barb Giano & Family*

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**Barb & Don Giano** - December 06, 2024 at 07:11 PM

RP

“ Rich was one of the most kind, generous and humble friends to so many of us who had the privilege of knowing and working together with him. During the earliest days of our friendship, our family's spent vacations together playing stick ball with our kids on the beach in Wildwood, NJ. It seemed that Greg always hit the tennis ball the farthest of the bunch. Found memories that will remain in our hearts.

Our relationship grew closer over the years as our careers blended in our roles supporting the public safety community with critical wireless communication solutions. Rich was a master presenter and technical writer, taking complex subject matters and making them easy to understand and apply. His extraordinary skills and support for our sales organization and customers was unprecedented. He was an industry recognized icon and played major consulting roles for customers nationwide.

Personally, I will remember Rich as a humble, caring, and very decent person and family man.

I know he will be missed by all who knew him  
God Bless Roe, Billy, Greg and Wendy!

*Rich Polulak*

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**Richard Polulak** - December 06, 2024 at 12:41 PM

WB

*Dad really was an icon.*

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**William Bohmer** - December 06, 2024 at 11:07 PM



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



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December 06, 2024 at 12:30 AM

PM

“ Dear Roseann and family, we were so terribly sorry to hear of Rich’s passing. He was a wonderful friend to Brian when they were in the K of C together. May God comfort and strengthen you in your sorrow. 🙏🙏🙏

Patricia and Brian McCarthy - December 05, 2024 at 09:17 PM

ER

*Sending Condolences to The Bohmer Family  
The Reynolds Family in Willingboro New Jersey  
Fond Memories of the Bohmer. Wendy and my son Wil graduated together Greg and my daughter graduated together from Holy Cross High School in Delran New Jersey  
Keeping youall in my prayers*

Elizabeth Reynolds - December 05, 2024 at 10:02 PM

GC

“ Geraldine C. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard Bohmer.



Geraldine C. - December 04, 2024 at 10:00 AM

LR

“ Richard was a very loving caring human being, and always had a smile when we saw him. So very sorry for his family, since he will be sadly missed. May God ease your sorrow at such a difficult time.  
Love, Linda and Robert Roche

Linda Roche - December 03, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Bohmer.*



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December 03, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ *Samantha, Matthew, Lucas and Shelby purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Bohmer.*



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**Samantha, Matthew, Lucas and Shelby** - December 03, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Bohmer.*



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December 03, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ *Rich amazed me with his kindness, patience, reliability, ethics, and intellect. He was a role model who always wanted to do more to help others. We spent time together fixing things and preparing for events he managed. Rich was the kind of person that made you want to be a better spouse, father, citizen, or volunteer. He led by example. We miss you Rich,*

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**Robert Pourciau** - December 03, 2024 at 08:55 AM

AR

“ *Mr. Bohmer lived a full and meaningful life. I'm grateful to have known him. When I saw him, he always had a smile and something sweet to say. Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. Sending love and strength to you all. ~ Anna Roche*

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**Anna Roche** - December 03, 2024 at 02:17 AM

WB

*Thanks so much Anna.*

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**William Bohmer** - December 03, 2024 at 04:08 AM

FF

“ *From Chunsanit/Miller Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Bohmer.*

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**From Chunsanit/Miller Family** - December 02, 2024 at 11:21 PM

FF

“ *From Chunsanit/Miller Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Richard Bohmer.*



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**From Chunsanit/Miller Family** - December 02, 2024 at 11:21 PM

SJ

“ Sarah, Kyle, Brian, Lyndsay, Sean, Joana purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Bohmer.



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**Sarah, Kyle, Brian, Lyndsay, Sean, Joana** - December 02, 2024 at 10:21 PM

VV

“ Rich was a neighbor and, more importantly, a good friend. We served together in our parish and food collections. Marguerite and I will miss him but happy for him to be in the arms of the Almighty God.

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**Vincent Velotta** - December 02, 2024 at 02:24 PM

WB

*Vinny-That's the kind of person dad was to everyone who met him*

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**William Bohmer** - December 03, 2024 at 04:09 AM