



Nicholas Richard Torraca

March 21, 1927 - October 28, 2021

Nicholas Richard Torraca, 94, passed away at UMSMC at Easton on October 28, 2021.

He was born on March 21, 1927, in New York, NY, to the late Joseph P. Torraca and Angela Marino Torraca. Richard attended Stuyvesant High School and left to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY. Upon graduation in 1947, he received a Bachelors Degree in Marine Engineering and a certificate in both Coast Guard steam engineering and diesel engineering. He was immediately commissioned into the U.S. Navy, serving on a navy auxiliary ship as an engineering officer in the Pacific. He later continued to serve his country in the reserves as a Lieutenant and was honorably discharged in 1969.

On May 3, 1952, Nicholas Torraca married Evelyn T. Hoerbürger, and they resided in Brooklyn, NY, later moving to Long Island in 1955. In 1950, he began working for the New York Telephone Company and later transferred to Bell Laboratories in 1968 when he and his wife moved to Marlboro, NJ. In 1971, he took a position with AT&T and returned to the New York Telephone Company in 1979. He retired as a Systems Administrator with New York Telephone Company in 1985, and moved to Neavitt, MD.

Mr. Torraca is a member of the Maritime Museum Boat Shop, where he assists in restoring old Chesapeake Bay boats. He also enjoys model boat building.

Richard is predeceased by his wife, the late Evelyn Torraca, who passed away in 2017; his grandson, Richard Torraca II (2020); and his brother, Joseph P. Torraca (2016). He is survived by his three children, Richard Torraca and wife Michele; Margaret Benjamin,;and Kathryn Butler and her husband Douglas; three grandchildren, Alicia, Erika and Larissa; along with four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 2, from 4pm – 6pm. A memorial mass will be held Wednesday, November 3 at 10:30am at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1210 S. Washington St.,

in Easton. Interment will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Cordova.

Cemetery Details

Old St. Joseph's Cemetery

Cordova, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Mass

NOV 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
1210 South Washington Street
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicholas Richard Torraca*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Nicholas Richard Torraca*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Nicholas Richard Torraca*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

RS

“ *I was head of the museum boat shop for many years and Dick was one of my favorite volunteers. Always willing to take on any task and very talented. Both he and Evelyn were kind and gentle souls. Robin and I send our condolences and sympathies to the entire Torraca family.*
Richard and Robin Scofield

Richard Scofield - November 03, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire Torraca family. Sending our thoughts, prayers and love. May the memory of your loved one bring you peace and comfort in the coming days, weeks and years.*
With love from the Minchello Family

Aileen Minchello - November 02, 2021 at 01:54 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Photos of Dad*



Kathy - November 01, 2021 at 08:34 AM



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



October 31, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nicholas Richard Torraca.



October 31, 2021 at 03:31 PM

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“ Love, Kathy and Doug purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Nicholas Richard Torraca.



Love, Kathy and Doug - October 31, 2021 at 02:58 PM

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“ 9 files added to the album Photos of Dad



Kathy - October 31, 2021 at 08:13 AM



“ *Sara Jane Davidson lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Richard Torraca*



Sara Jane Davidson - October 30, 2021 at 09:07 AM



I will miss this wonderful man!

Sara Jane Davidson - October 30, 2021 at 09:08 AM

MB

“ *Mary Baker lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Richard Torraca*



Mary Baker - October 29, 2021 at 07:50 PM