



Richard Brusca Sr.

May 8, 1944 - July 29, 2020

Richard James Brusca Sr., of Sudlersville, MD, died Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at University of Maryland. He was 76.

Richard was born May 8, 1944, in Philadelphia, PA, the son of the late Henry Brusca Sr. and Isabel McCloskey. He graduated from Abington High School and enlisted in the United States Army National Guard. While serving in the Guard, he and Monica were married and lived in State College and Philadelphia before settling down in Sudlersville in 1972. Richard was a member of the Sudlersville Lion's Club where he served as president and zone chairman. He was also a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Marydel where he served as an usher. Richard enjoyed traveling with his family, taking cruises, working, farming and talking politics.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Donald Brusca; and son-in-law, Jeff Dwyer.

He is survived by his wife Monica Brusca of Sudlersville, MD; daughter, Lisa Dwyer of Sudlersville, MD; son Richard "Ricky" Brusca Jr. of San Clemente, CA; brother, Henry Brusca Jr. of Jenkentown, PA; sister, Margaret Mooney of Glenside, PA; sister, Patricia Dillon of Spring House, PA; brother, William Brusca of Horsham, PA; sister, Mary Romanzo of Horsham, PA; three grandchildren, Megan Orr of Kennedyville, MD, Lauren Orr of Sudlersville,

MD, Kaitlyn Dwyer of Aberdeen, MD; and two great-grandchildren, Cali and Mason.

A visitation will be held Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020, from 5-7 pm at Fellows Family Funeral Home, 370 Cypress St., Millington, MD. A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, Aug. 7, 2020, at 11am, at Immaculate Conception Church in Marydel, MD.

Interment will be held privately following the mass at Sharon Hills Memorial Park in Dover, DE. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be sent to Immaculate Conception Church, 522 Main St., P.O. Box 399, Marydel, MD, 21649 or to the Sudlersville Lion's Club c/o Thomas Godfrey 370 Leager Rd, Sudlersville, MD 21668.

Cemetery Details

Sharon Hills Cemetery

Dover, DE

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fellows Family Funeral Home
370 Cypresses St
Millington, MD 21651

Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Marydel, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 07, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 06, 2020 at 10:15 AM



“ *Richard Brusca Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Richard Brusca Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Richard Brusca Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Richard. He was a kind and generous man. We will miss seeing him at the nursery. Lisa, we are praying for you and the family and share in your grief at this time.*
Harold and Greg Smith
G & H Treescape



Harold Smith - August 10, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Brusca was the kindest who always stopped to talk with us when we came out to the nursery. Brusca's nursery IS indeed the very best , And we shall miss his friendly wave and chat. Not only did he touch lives, but countless landscapes all over the lands. All those trees shall provide nest for the birds and shade for others for generations to come, and plants beauty as well for all to enjoy for lifetimes.*



Rebecca - August 08, 2020 at 08:30 AM



“ *Ginny Moran lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Ginny Moran - August 06, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Brusca Sr..



August 06, 2020 at 11:03 AM



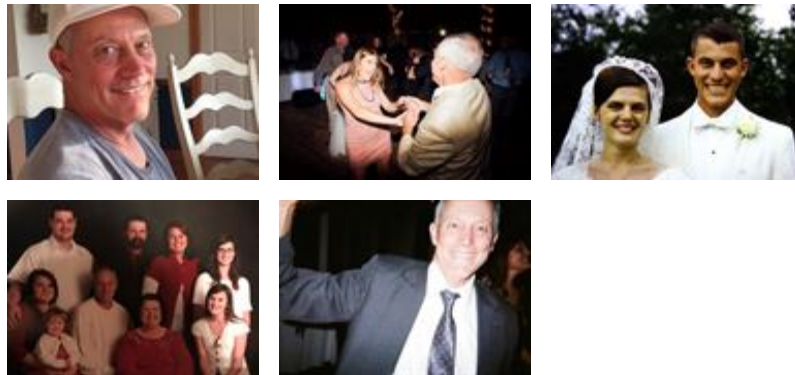
“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Brusca Sr..



August 06, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ 196 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 06, 2020 at 10:09 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Brusca Sr..*



August 06, 2020 at 10:09 AM



“ *Lisa, Lauren and Mrs. Brusca,*

I pray you are comforted by the warmth of God's touch through this time of loss. I had so many laughs with Mr. Brusca during family events and will miss shared family stories and the interesting political discussions that always seemed to be a part of our conversation. He was not afraid to share the love he had for his family and his country. Mr. Brusca will be missed as a neighbor, community leader, farmer and friend.

Love and prayers,

Audrey Lenox

Audrey Lenox - August 06, 2020 at 08:41 AM

DN

“ *Mr. Brusca always had words of encouragement and a funny story to share. My wife and I enjoyed coming from Southern Maryland to purchase our shrubs, flowers and herbs from the Nursery. Mr. Brusca shared wisdom and always made time to talk to us. We will miss his warm and genuine spirit, his spiritual insights and his humor.*

Our prayers are with the family, staff and friends.

David & Dianne Nickerson

David & Dianne Nickerson - August 05, 2020 at 10:51 PM

BN

“ *Barbara Nelson lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Barbara Nelson - August 05, 2020 at 09:50 AM

CC

“ *CHILDS LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Brusca Sr..*



CHILDS LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS - August 05, 2020 at 08:06 AM

RC

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Richard. Sincere condolences to Monica and family. I always enjoyed time spent with him and I learned much from him over the years. What a work ethic this good man had!

Rock Crum - August 04, 2020 at 10:41 PM

BA

“ To the Family of Richard J. Brusca, Sr.: So sorry to hear of the loss to your family. He was a kind and pleasant man. Prayers and thoughts for all of you at this difficult time.

Albert and Barbara Allen

BARBARA ALLEN - August 04, 2020 at 03:29 PM



JB

“ Janet Boyd lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.

Janet Boyd - August 04, 2020 at 03:19 PM



DS

“ Lisa and family, so sorry for your loss, all your love ones are now angels looking down and smiling, sending lots of love.

Dwayne, Lisa, Harley, Jenna Sewell - August 04, 2020 at 11:40 AM



MP

“ *MARY PASE lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



MARY PASE - August 04, 2020 at 10:40 AM

LI

“ *Loved going to the nursery, he was such a nice man. Prayers for the family.*



LindaWright-Sepulveda - August 04, 2020 at 09:35 AM

MF

“ *Martha Freemn lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Martha Freemn - August 04, 2020 at 08:00 AM

MF

Sending Love and Prayers Marty Freeman

Marty Freeman - August 04, 2020 at 08:01 AM

LW

“ *RIP Mr. Brusca. You will be missed.*



Lee and Jeremiah Weitzel - August 04, 2020 at 03:03 AM

LD

“ *Lydia Dagenais lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Lydia Dagenais - August 04, 2020 at 12:24 AM

SS

“ *Sherry Smith lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



sherry smith - August 03, 2020 at 08:43 PM

PP

“ *Sending prayers and strength to the Brusca family* ❤️



Pam Price - August 03, 2020 at 08:14 PM

CJ

“ So sorry for your loss, condolences to the Brusca family. Richard will be missed by many.

The Joiner Family. David, Cathy, Kathleen and Arabella Joiner

Cathy Joiner - August 03, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Richard Brusca Sr..



August 03, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Brusca Sr..



August 03, 2020 at 02:34 PM

CB

“ Chrissy Price Boyles lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.



Chrissy Price Boyles - August 03, 2020 at 02:32 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Strauss lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Cindy Strauss - August 03, 2020 at 02:08 PM

CK

“ *Cindy King lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Cindy King - August 03, 2020 at 01:58 PM

JS

“ *Julie Strong lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Julie Strong - August 03, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Brusca Sr..*



August 03, 2020 at 12:57 PM

TB

“ *Tim And Esther Blackiston sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Tim and Esther Blackiston - August 03, 2020 at 11:21 AM

AZ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Allison Zaucha - August 02, 2020 at 09:09 PM

AZ

Richard + Monica's wedding

Allison Zaucha - August 02, 2020 at 09:48 PM

JT

That was so nice!

Judy Truitt - August 03, 2020 at 09:56 AM

DC

“ *Donnie & Lynn Kimbles Conley lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Donnie & Lynn Kimbles Conley - August 02, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ *Diane Wadkovsky lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Diane Wadkovsky - August 02, 2020 at 01:21 PM

RC

“ *Thoughts and prayers with the family*



Rick and Kay Councill - August 02, 2020 at 12:09 PM

PT

“ *Pamela Teat sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Pamela Teat - August 01, 2020 at 02:21 AM

LP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Lisa*



lee phillips - July 31, 2020 at 05:31 PM

BL

“ *Brenda LAWSON lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Brenda LAWSON - July 31, 2020 at 05:01 PM



“ *Geri Garvin lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Geri Garvin - July 31, 2020 at 03:48 PM

JW

“ *Joann Warner lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Joann warner - July 31, 2020 at 03:26 PM

CC

“ *Chestertown Cardiology lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Chestertown Cardiology - July 31, 2020 at 11:22 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - July 30, 2020 at 10:23 PM

LP

What a wonderful community friend that has left us. He was surely loved by many and was so thoughtful and caring. God will be with him in heaven and many prayers and blessings to his family. God Bless, Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.

Lynda Palmatary - August 03, 2020 at 11:20 AM

GW

“ Gene & Gloria Wiest lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.



Gene & Gloria Wiest - July 30, 2020 at 07:31 PM

EL

“ Eddie and I and I would go to the nursely to buy flowers or trees and would always end up talking and laughing with Richard about everything. Always enjoyed our visits there. We will miss Richard and will always remember him.

Eddie and Rachel Lockwood - July 30, 2020 at 07:18 PM

MC

“ ONE THE THE MOST DECENT, HONEST, AND HARD WORKING PERSONS I HAVE EVER MET IN MY LIFE, A TRUE GENTLEMAN I WILL MISS RICHARD EVERYDAY ,MICHAEL AND JOANNE CRAWFORD AND THE ENTIRE STAFF AT LANDEX NURSERY GOD BLESS YOU, LISA AND YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY.

MICHAEL CRAWFORD - July 30, 2020 at 04:37 PM

DN

“ Debbie And Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.



Debbie and Bob Nickerson - July 30, 2020 at 04:31 PM

MK

“ The family is in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult and sad time. What a helpful, kind and hard working man ,who will be missed.

Butch and Margaret Kaufman

Margaret Kaufman - July 30, 2020 at 03:27 PM

CK

“ Cleamon And Robin Kincaid lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.



Cleamon and Robin Kincaid - July 30, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ *Lisa Hague lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Lisa Hague - July 30, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ *Oh lisa, i am so very sorry, I can't believe what I'm reading, your dad is a great man, i remember when he started that business, oh how time flies, it was yesterday, i hope your brother is doing well, well its all you now, I know you got it, god bless all of you*

Lisa Hague - July 30, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ *Lorraine Conover & Ray Wallace lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Lorraine Conover & Ray Wallace - July 30, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ *Bonnie W Edwards lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Bonnie W Edwards - July 30, 2020 at 11:13 AM

BC

“ *Billie & John Carroll lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Billie & John Carroll - July 30, 2020 at 11:07 AM

DS

“ *Debbie Scott lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Debbie Scott - July 30, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ *Richard was always very helpful, and a very kind person. We will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are being sent to the family. Sending hugs to all!*



Althea Stubbs - July 30, 2020 at 10:42 AM

RC

“ *Richard always had an enlightening word to say. He will truly be missed by his customers and community. Love and prayers, Regina & David*



Regina Crossley - July 30, 2020 at 10:04 AM

SG

“ *Shawn & Lori Goad lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Shawn & Lori Goad - July 30, 2020 at 08:52 AM

MR

“ *Melissa Rousseau lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Melissa Rousseau - July 30, 2020 at 08:45 AM

BP

“ *Sincere condolences to the Brusca family.*



Bruce Lisa Plummer - July 30, 2020 at 08:44 AM

PW

“ *Patti Webb lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Patti Webb - July 30, 2020 at 08:32 AM

PJ

“ *Paul And Dawn Jones lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Paul and Dawn Jones - July 30, 2020 at 08:18 AM

BC

“ *Barbara Coleman lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Barbara Coleman - July 30, 2020 at 07:39 AM

GS

“ *George Short lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



George Short - July 30, 2020 at 07:37 AM

AC

“ *We are very sorry for your loss. Annemarie and Kenneth Chouinard and family*



Anne Chouinard - July 29, 2020 at 10:04 PM

GM

“ *Growmark FS LLC.-Sudlersville MD lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Growmark FS LLC.-Sudlersville MD - July 29, 2020 at 09:08 PM

SF

“ *Shirley Foster sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



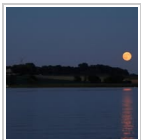
shirley Foster - July 29, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ *Dee Chambers sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



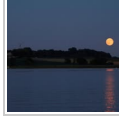
Dee Chambers - July 29, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ *Donna Gibbons-Neff lit a candle in memory of Richard Brusca Sr.*



Donna Gibbons-Neff - July 29, 2020 at 04:43 PM



Stormy, Tony and I send our deepest sympathy to your family. Richard was a wonderful, hardworking family man. He will be missed by many. Please know you're all in our thoughts and prayers.

Donna Gibbons-Neff - July 29, 2020 at 04:45 PM



We are so very sorry for your loss. May the Lord Jesus keep you in the palm of His hand now and during the days to come. Our love and prayers Ralph and Dee Chambers

Dee Chambers - July 29, 2020 at 07:11 PM



*Mr. Brusca was always very kind and helpful. He will certainly be missed. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.
Gene & Jennifer Teat*

Jennifer Teat - July 30, 2020 at 01:57 PM



*Lisa my heart ❤️ is heavy and grieving for you and your family your Dad was a wonderful and the sweetest man. He will be missed by all. Keeping your family lifted in prayers. We love you.
Kenny & Betty Jo Embert*

Betty Jo EMBERT - July 30, 2020 at 10:00 PM



I am so sorry to hear of Richard's death. I did not know him that well but I do know your family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Let people help you as much as you can as we all need support at a time like this.

Faye E Williams - July 31, 2020 at 10:22 AM



Lisa and family, We are so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Butch and Sally Coursey - August 02, 2020 at 09:40 PM



A sad time for our local community and his family. RIP Richard

Paige and Barry Kingsbury - August 03, 2020 at 12:12 PM