



## Richard Cleveland Ruth

November 7, 1938 - June 23, 2022

Retired Baltimore County Police Captain Richard “Dick” Cleveland Ruth passed away on June 23, 2022, in Stevensville, MD. He was 83 years old.

Dick was born on November 7, 1938, to the late George C. Ruth and the late Emily (Hagy) Ruth in Edgemere, MD. Dick was preceded in death by brothers George R. Ruth, twin brother Robert (Bob) D. Ruth, and John (Jack) H. Ruth.

Dick is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years Dorothy (Vrablic) of Stevensville; his three children, Tonya Stroup (Charlie); Richard Ruth (Michelle); Leah Gossett and her fiancé (Robert Sipes); and grandchildren, Ashley Stroup, Anthony Stroup, Richard Ruth Jr. (RJ) and Robert Ruth.

Dick served in the US Air Force from 1956 to 1960 and the Maryland Air National Guard from 1973 to 1990. Dick joined Baltimore County Police Department in 1961 with his identical twin Bob, and retired as captain in 1992. After retiring, Dick and Dot enjoyed traveling, bowling, golfing, and spending time with family and friends.

He loved airplanes and would spend his childhood days at the local airport with his dad who had his own plane. Motorcycles were another passion--he had his first motor at 14 years old, and continued riding into his 80's.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, followed by a funeral service beginning at 2:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD 21619.

Internment will be the following day, Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 11:30 am at Dulaney Memorial Gardens, 200 E Padonia Rd, Timonium, MD 21093.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Dr., Centreville, MD 21617.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN **29**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619  
(410) 643-2226  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

JUN **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619  
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## Burial

JUN **30**. 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Dulaney Valley Memorial Garden  
200 E. Padonia Road,  
Timonium, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Cleveland Ruth*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - June 28, 2022 at 11:25 AM



“ *Richard Cleveland Ruth*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Richard Cleveland Ruth*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Richard Cleveland Ruth*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

RS

“ I had the distinct privilege of working with then Lt. Ricard Ruth when I first came on the job at the old Fullerton Station. He always looked sharp in his uniform and treated me and others with respect. I also worked for Robert when I was a Sergeant in Essex. Both were exceptional representatives of the Baltimore County Police and their families. May Dick rest in peace

Roger Sheets  
Captain Retired

Roger Sheets - June 28, 2022 at 08:26 AM

LG

Thank you so much!

Leah Gossett - July 11, 2022 at 07:10 AM

CK

“ Rick has been a great friend for years. We will pray for his wife and other family members.

Chuck & Donna Kratz

Chuck & Donna Kratz - June 26, 2022 at 05:56 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Cleveland Ruth.



June 26, 2022 at 03:34 PM



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



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June 26, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Richard Cleveland Ruth*.



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June 26, 2022 at 09:38 AM



“ *Love Forever, Lee & Sidney* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of *Richard Cleveland Ruth*.



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**Love Forever, Lee & Sidney** - June 26, 2022 at 09:20 AM

MS

“ Dot - I was so sad to hear from Janet Nickel about Dick's death. I know you and Dick had many special years and experiences together and were a loving influence and support for each other. I send my condolences and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time. I always valued you as a friend and hope to stay in touch. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to support you in this time of sorrow and loss.

love, Mary Sturm

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**mary sturm** - June 26, 2022 at 12:02 AM

TA

“ We never served as cops together but had fun serving together in the Md. ANG.....Dick helped me in preparing for oral interviews for promotional exams....Funny story....when he came to our unit in the air guard he was a captain in the police dept.....I was a Cpl.....I was told by my senior NCO that he was concerned working as a peer with me....I said not to worry...I won't even mention being a cop.....The first day that lasted about three hours and he broke asking me how long I worked Dundalk and who I worked for etc.....He gave me plenty of good advice which I appreciated.....

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**Tom Amann** - June 25, 2022 at 11:01 PM

LG

Thank you for sharing! You and my Dad had a lot in common!

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**Leah Gossett** - July 11, 2022 at 07:11 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Cleveland Ruth.*



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June 25, 2022 at 04:35 PM



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



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June 25, 2022 at 04:21 PM



“ *Dottie,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Wishing God's blessings for you and your family. Terry Otto*

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**Terry Otto** - June 25, 2022 at 04:12 PM



*Our deepest sympathy to the Stroup and Ruth family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time....*

*Glenn and Toni Jones*

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**Toni Jones** - June 27, 2022 at 01:38 PM