



## Richard D. "Dick" Veronda

September 12, 1925 - July 31, 2017

Richard D. "Dick" Veronda, 91, of Kankakee, passed away on Monday, July 31, 2017 in Manteno. He was born on September 12, 1925, in Rock Island, to Dominick and Lena Callegaro Veronda. Dick married Mary Alice McGinnis on June 16, 1948 in Chicago. She preceded him in death on January 24, 2009

Dick retired as founder and owner of Veronda Music Store. He was also the owner of Callegaro Builders. He was a musician and had a band called The Rhythm Rascals along with his wife. He enjoyed RVing and traveling. Dick was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served during World War II on a sub chaser in the Pacific. He was a member of St. Martin of Tours Church (St. John Paul II -

West Campus). Dick was a charter member of St. Martin of Tours Church and a member of the Parish Council. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Past Faithful Navigator, the Moose lodge, the Elks, the American Legion, the VFW, and Sons of Italy. He was a past director of National Association of Music Merchants and a past president of the Superior Motor Coach Owners Association.

Dick is survived by two sons and two daughters-in-law, Nick and Carol Veronda, of Kankakee and Bill and Cynthia Veronda, of St. Anne; one daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Jim Laurenti, of Kankakee; twelve grandchildren; twenty six great grandchildren; and three great great

grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and one brother, Harold.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 6, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 7, 2017 at St. John Paul II - West Campus in Kankakee. Rev. Dan Belanger will officiate. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or the Illinois Veterans' Home Manteno.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 6. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus  
953 South 9th Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

GP

“ Bill & Family, I just wanted to send our thought's & prayer's for you and your family. The write up in the Journal was so nice. I am sure he will be missed by all of you. I have been thinking of you since I read about your dad's passing & I hope today will be great celebration of his life. Gina

Gina Pullen - August 07, 2017 at 07:11 AM

JF

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Jim and Tom Riordan and families - August 06, 2017 at 11:13 PM

PZ

“ Like so many others, I too, recall going to Veronda's Music Store on 5th Avenue with my Dad to buy sheet music and try out and play the new organs. There was always plenty going on at the store whether it be music lessons, folks purchasing instruments and accessories or simply stopping by to say hello to Dick and Harold. All good memories from that era. My sincere condolences to all of you.

Paul Ziemer  
WA state

Paul Ziemer - August 06, 2017 at 04:13 PM

JV

“ Our deepest condolence to the family. We'll keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

*The Joe Veronda Family*

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**Joe Veronda** - August 06, 2017 at 12:52 PM

CW

“ Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Richard D. "Dick" Veronda



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**Christopher Wilcox** - August 04, 2017 at 07:04 PM

TD

“ I can't begin to count the number of times my father brought me to Veronda's in the sixties for band music, organ music and trombone accesories. I even ended up buying a great Zenith fold down record changer there and in later years a Sony stereo system for my albums.

*Music was a great part of my life and I'm grateful Richard Veronda and his brother were there.*

*Terry Duckworth  
Anaheim, California*

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**Terry Duckworth** - August 04, 2017 at 01:42 PM

MP

“ I have fond memories of Mr. Veronda when, as a child, my parents took me to "Veronda's Music Store" in downtown Kankakee. He was so pleasant and helpful...a very nice gentleman.

*Melody Paolinetti*

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**Melody Paolinetti** - August 03, 2017 at 02:23 PM

PG

“ To the Veronda family: I am left with the memory of the many happy times Alice and I spent with your parents. Love to you all.

*Sincerely,  
Phil Garry  
Corrales, NM*

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**Phil Garry** - August 02, 2017 at 05:34 PM

CM

“ Deepest sympathy to the Veronda family. Mr. Veronda always had a smile for everyone. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

*Cathie (Bergan) Miedema*



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**Cathie Miedema** - August 02, 2017 at 05:21 PM

MT

“ *Heaven's orchestra has gained another musician and he will be sorely missed. Love, hugs and prayers are with the Verondas at this sad time. May God's peace and your wonderful memories bring comfort at this sad time.*



*Mary and John Thomson*

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**Mary Thomson** - August 02, 2017 at 11:56 AM

 Connie Blacklock

“ *My most sincere condolences to your family -- Mr. Veronda was a kind and caring neighbor to me from the day I moved into my home. He was gracious and considerate at all times. He will be sorely missed. Connie Blacklock*

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**Connie Blacklock** - August 02, 2017 at 11:35 AM

PF

“ *To the Veronda family,  
My deepest condolences in the loss of such a good man! I pray The Lord will cover you with his shield of comfort from this day on.*

*God Bless each and everyone of you,  
Pastor Dan Vaughn  
Lowell, IN*

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**Pastor Dan Vaughn and family** - August 02, 2017 at 10:33 AM

MC

“ We send our deepest sympathy to the Veronda Family on the loss of Mr. Veronda. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.

*Mary Jane and Mac Cleeland, Sedona, Arizona*

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**Mary Jane Harbour Cleeland** - August 02, 2017 at 10:13 AM