



Richard F. Tate

June 8, 1931 - February 10, 2021

Richard F. (Dick) Tate (89) of Allison Park passed quietly in his sleep sometime before midnight on Feb. 10, 2021. Son of Joseph L. Tate and Mildred C. Grady of 12 Curtin Ave., where he grew up. Survived by his beloved wife of 63 years Bernadette, sister Laura (spouse Jim deceased), and brothers James (spouse Pat now both deceased), and Gary (spouse Renee') all of Pittsburgh. Dick and Bernie met on a streetcar in the Allentown neighborhood. He attended St. Georges and graduated from South Hills High School and was active in both basketball and football. He was very proud of his service in the U.S Air Force at Cape Canaveral, though his Top Secret clearance with respect to the very early space program kept him silent on the subject for decades. Eventually, after a clearance call from his former commanding officer, he let on that he witnessed the first rocket launches from Cape Canaveral, and was subsequently interviewed by several authors about his time in the Air Force. He was both "old school" and open minded, leading by example within the family, always affable, generous, and kind to all who knew him. Dick was always willing to go the extra mile for those in need. Survived, loved and respected by his four sons Chris (spouse Linda), Doug (spouse Heidi), Todd (spouse Loretta) and Richard J. (spouse Monica). Numerous grandchildren and great-grand children were a source of great joy. He retired after 40 years with La Farge-Duquesne Slag. He enjoyed visits to Point State Park where he consulted on the restoration of the Historic Block House. A short service for family and friends will take place at the park at

noon on Saturday June 10, 2023.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard F. Tate*

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



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October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM