



Enrico Rick Yacone

October 30, 1929 - September 6, 2020

Enrico (Rick) Yacone, beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, counselor, coach and friend, passed away in his sleep on Sunday, September 6, 2020. Rick was born October 30, 1929 in Hudson, NY, to the late Amadeo and Lydia (Innamorati) Yacone. Raised by loving Italian immigrant parents alongside two sisters, he was gifted from a young age, and had many professional successes. After receiving a full-ride scholarship, he was the salutatorian at Arnold College (now the University of Bridgeport). He also received All-American honors in football while playing there, and excelled in basketball and baseball. He then received a Master's Degree in education from New York University. He served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War, with deployments to Korea and Japan. Throughout his career, particularly during the more than three decades as a guidance counselor and football coach at New Rochelle High School, he mentored thousands of students and coached hundreds of football players.

While his passion for his work was unmatched, his family is what he was most proud of. Rick married the love of his life, fellow Hudson High School graduate, Shirley Morrison, on August 18, 1956. Rick and Shirley raised five children in New Rochelle. As a father, Rick led by example. He taught each of his children about faith, hard work and the importance of empathy and kindness. Rick and Shirley ultimately retired and moved back to Hudson to be closer to family. However, retirement didn't mean things slowed down for them. They helped raise 12 grandchildren. Rick, lovingly known as "Poppy," taught many of them how to ride a bike, how to hit a baseball, how to garden and how to find the best sledding hills. He was a man of faith. He had a deep love for his country. He was an avid historian and loved reading his morning newspaper and watching the news. He was a phenomenal photographer and was often seen with a camera in his hand, documenting the lives of his children and grandchildren. He loved the New York Giants and watching football. He was an incredibly skilled handyman and could conquer any house project. He was a master gardener, known for growing the most delicious cucumbers and tomatoes. He was a role model, an advice giver and a hand to hold when things got tough. And, most of all, Rick taught his children and grandchildren what family truly means. He and Shirley were the epitome of life-long true love.

Rick's family and friends will greatly miss his unparalleled generosity, wisdom, wit, sense of humor, kindness, and compassion for others.

Rick is survived by 5 children (Lynn Yacone Martin, Lori Yacone, Jill Hopper, Ann Yacone DiAgostino and James Yacone), 12 wonderful grandchildren and a beautiful great grandson, Harvey Enrico. He is also survived by his beloved sister Ann (Yacone) Qualtieri and 11 nieces and nephews. He's preceded in death by his wife, Shirley (Morrison) Yacone and his sister, Julie (Yacone) Griswold.

A mass celebrating Rick's life will be held at St Mary's Church/Holy Trinity Parish in Hudson, NY, on Oct. 31 at 10 a.m. Anyone is welcome to attend the memorial virtually. Here is the link to the Zoom that will be used for the service: <https://zoom.us/j/4158103635>. A private burial will be held at Arlington National Cemetery, honoring Rick's military service. He will be laid to rest there with Shirley.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Hudson Food Pantry: <https://regionalfoodbank.net/agencies/salvation-army-hudson-food-pantry/> or to The Church of St. Mary of Hudson, NY (part of Holy Trinity Parish): <https://holytrinityhudson.weshareonline.org/>

Events

OCT **Memorial Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Holy Trinity Parish/ St. Mary's Church

429 East Allen St., Hudson, NY, US, 12534