



Richard Patrick Degnan

September 7, 1922 - December 2, 2014

RICHARD PATRICK DEGNAN

Richard Patrick Degnan died December 2, 2014 in Phoenix, Arizona. Richard was born in Hudson, New York on September 7, 1922. After graduating from Hudson High School, Richard spent four years in the Second Armored Division as a Quartermaster, locating accommodations and supplies for U.S. troops in Europe. Following his military service, Richard graduated from Cornell University School of Hotel Administration in Ithaca, NY, and pursued a highly successful career in Hotel Sales and Management, working for Statler, Hilton, The Biltmore, and other major hotel companies around the country for over 30 years. He was an active member of the Cornell Alumna Association, the Hospitality Sales & Management Association International (HSMAi), and the Beverly Hills Lions Club. He attended the Ends of the Earth gala dinner in New York City for many years.

Richard married KC Morrison, an artist, in 1955 and together they raised three daughters, Kim, Kate, and Kelly Degnan, who survive him. He remained active in the hotel industry long after he retired, teaching at the hotel schools at Polytechnic in Pomona, California, and in Phoenix, Arizona. His lifetime accomplishments were recognized by many industry awards, including the first Certified Hotel Salesman Executive accreditation conferred in California and induction into the HSMAi Hall of Fame in 2002. Richard had friends throughout the world and cherished his daughters, his two nieces Mary Wall and Margaret Miller, his great-nephew Ryan Wall, and his many dear friends

in Phoenix and Hudson. His humor and vitality will be greatly missed. Funeral services will be Saturday August 22, at 10:00am at Cedar Park Cemetery in Hudson wit Fr. Winston Bath officiating. Funeral services are coordinated with the Sacco-McDonald-Valenti Funeral Home, Hudson, NY. To leave an online condolence visit: www.sacomcdonaldvalenti.com

Previous Events

Committal Prayers

AUG **22**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Cedar Park Cemetery
20 Columbia Tpke.
Hudson, NY 12534
(518) 828-0517

Tribute Wall



“ *Kim, Kate, Kelly. so sorry for your lost. He had a wonderful and interesting life for sure!! My memory of uncle Dick, was when he was visiting a friend in Neb. and he drove 400 miles out of his way to come to Torrington, WY. where I lived. This has to have happened 20 yrs. ago or so. He stayed the night and the next day we drove to Vale to meet Mary. It was a great trip visiting with him. His greatest gift in this world is you three girls's. Love to all. Margaret Degan Miller.*

Margaret Miller - June 24, 2015 at 02:02 PM

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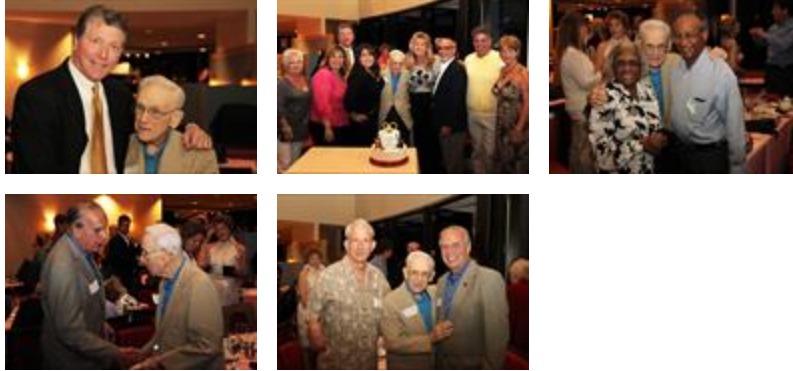
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“ I will always remember my Uncle Dick being there when we needed him.

He was kind and generous to us.

He spent many christmas weeks with Richard, Ryan and me. We loved having him

with the family gatherings. His wit and humor kept everyone guessing.

Love You Dick. You will always be in my heart and fond memories.

Love Mary Degnan Wall

Mary Wall - June 16, 2015 at 02:14 PM



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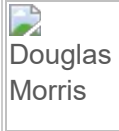


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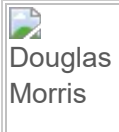
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