



Mr. Francois Richard Bussiere

December 18, 1939 - December 4, 2021

LEWISTON - Francois R. "Dick" Bussiere, age 82, of Auburn, Maine passed away on December 4, 2021 in Lewiston, Maine with loving family by his side.

He was born in Lewiston, Maine on December 18, 1939 to Wilfred and Mabel Bussiere. He attended Lewiston schools and graduated from Lewiston High School in 1957. He served as a Communications Specialist in the United States Air Force from 1957 to 1963. After his military service, he worked for many years as the Finance and Admissions Director of Mr. Bernard's School. He was active for many years in the Auburn School Department and was very supportive of Auburn schools, serving as an elected member of the Auburn School Committee and also as an appointed member of the Auburn School Department finance committee. He was also a volunteer at CMMC for many years with his sister Annette. He loved playing cards with siblings and friends and attending family gatherings, and especially sporting events involving his grandsons.

Francois is survived by his son Anthony W. Bussiere and girlfriend Ann-Marie Castonguay of Lewiston, son Michael Bussiere and wife Christine of Argyle, Texas, grandson Cameron Bussiere and wife Christie of Lewiston, grandson Joshua Bussiere of Lewiston, former spouse and long-time friend Valerie and her husband Francis of Auburn, sister Constance (Bussiere) Sullivan and husband William of Rochester, New York, Annette (Bussiere) Dubuc of Lewiston, brother Dr. Raymond Tiffany of Garner, North Carolina and many nieces and nephews who knew him affectionately as Uncle Dick.

He was predeceased by his parents Wilfred and Mabel Bussiere as well as siblings Leo, Gerard, Fern, Blanche, Yvonne, Rita and Joseph.

A memorial gathering will be held Saturday December 11th from 2-4PM only at Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred Plourde Parkway, Lewiston. Face masks are recommended.

Burial will be held privately with military honors at the Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta. Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com

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Events

DEC **Gathering** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services
305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

Comments



“ I was deeply saddened to hear about your father’s passing. We are so sorry for your loss. Please accept our sincerest sympathy. I truly enjoyed my time volunteering with Mr. Bussiere at CMMC and will always remember his jokes and all the fun times we had.

ZamZam Mohamud

Zam Zam Mohamud - December 29, 2021 at 07:35 PM



“ thank you Zam Zam...appreciate the kind words.

Anthony - January 13 at 11:39 AM



“ I just saw that Francois Bussiere has passed. I am so sorry! When I was the education reporter for the Sun Journal, I always enjoyed interviewing him, he was so kind and caring. He had such a big heart for Auburn students. He was so respectful of everyone. We need more like him.
My sympathies to his friends and family, L-A has lost quite a gentleman. I'm glad I knew him.
Sincerely, Bonnie Washuk, retired Sun Journal reporter (not semi-retired Press Herald reporter)

Bonnie Washuk - December 12, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ To Tony and family, so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. What a kind and gentle man he was. He worked so hard at DYP to get better so he could go home. I had the pleasure of being his discharge nurse at DYP to coordinate a safe discharge. I believe he worked so hard so he could go home one more time before he took his last journey to heaven. Tony, you were a great son, always being your dads advocate and wanted the very best for him. Your dad gave me some great advice and I will hold onto that. He left his legacy with us at DYP and with so many people. Please know that my prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time.
Linda Gelinas nurse care coordinator at DYP

Linda Gelinas - December 11, 2021 at 08:09 AM



“ Thank you for taking care of our uncle.

Sue - December 11, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ Francois was a classmate. He was always friendly and pleasant whenever we met (ran into each other more like it) Rest in Peace.

Wanda Smith - December 10, 2021 at 09:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Francois Richard Bussiere.



December 10, 2021 at 06:10 PM



“ Richardson PD Command Staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Francois Richard Bussiere.



Richardson PD Command Staff - December 10, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Dick was a light of love and great things. I went to Bernards when Dick was there and he made it so fun but serious to learn. That was a long long time ago but I now live at Roak Block and he would drive around the back every so often just to stop and say Hello. I loved seeing him and we laughed a lot. He was a great man and I am so sorry that I won't see him any more. I Loved his magical personality and will miss seeing him here and there. Fly high Dick and save me a good seat. XX Leta Richards

Leta Richards - December 10, 2021 at 01:27 PM



“ Uncle Dick, we were so sad to hear that we will no longer be hearing that voice. Whether about politics or not I enjoyed our conversations. We were close and I am so happy about that. We have had our moments but you wouldn't be Uncle Dick if you didn't voice your opinion..lol. I could not thank you and Andy enough for helping me to introduce Pat to my family. And at Christmas we always looked forward to those white pizzas that you brought over. The Family reuninon that you and Andy organized was Awesome! I wish we could have had one more. Well its your turn to rest in peace and just know you will be missed. I love you!

Smiley

Sue - December 10, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ Richardson SWAT Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Francois Richard Bussiere.



Richardson SWAT Team - December 10, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to the family of Francios Richard Bussiere may your memories provide you comfort in the days ahead.

Jeanne Lacourse



Jean M. Lacourse - December 10, 2021 at 08:52 AM



“ My sincerest condolences, Francios ‘Dick’ Bussiere is truly the catalyst that has shaped my life in so many ways. He saw a potential in me before I knew what that spark could be. I would not be the person I am today if it wasn’t for Dick. In 1993 I took a tour at Bernards and less then a month later was living in my first apartment, on my own, in his building, and attending school which he gave me a ride to and from every single day my entire schooling. He was always full of joy, a touch brutal honesty, and often something funny. He would often sing much of our drives. Talk to me about all kinds of things. He really inspired me and believed in me, I lived in the apt he rented to me for 11 years. He was a wonderful man with a beautiful soul and I’m glad I came to know him. He blessed me with so much! Gave me the opportunity to be successful and happy. I will always smile when I think of him. I can’t attend the service cuz I have to work but hope this makes someone smile. I truly appreciate all Dick did for me!
Grayling Cunningham



Grayling Cunningham - December 09, 2021 at 10:34 PM



“ These kind words mean a great deal to our entire family. Thank you for sharing this unique memory.
Family of FRB - December 09, 2021 at 11:47 PM



“ A very bright light has been extinguished here on earth, with the passing of Dick Bussiere. I have known Dick for many years, beginning when I worked for his son, Anthony, at All Occasion Caterers, while attending USM@LAC, where Dick was often assisting. I had many troubles in my life at that time and Dick was always there to listen and console me. He also made me laugh-- A LOT!
Dick had a huge presence, whether at Walmart (he would have made a great store greeter!) when we would catch up and I would forget what I was suppose to purchase, or at CMMC in his part time information position there.
He was a proud and dignified man.
Dick was like an uncle to me...He cared about my life...He was kind and loved to chit-chat-- essentially, Dick had the gift of gab and human connection.
I'm so sorry he was sick. He was deserving of a better ending than the one he had. I hear his voice often...He is an eternally bright light, which will always flicker for all who had the privilege of knowing him. He cared about his community and his fellow man.
I will never forget Dick Bussiere. I wish him peaceful rest.
~ Laurie Hearne-Trevino

Laurie Hearne-Trevino - December 09, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ Thank you Laurie! I know he always enjoyed working and chatting with you. This means so much...great memories!

Family of FRB - December 09, 2021 at 11:50 PM



“ Richardson CPA Alumni Association purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Francois Richard Bussiere.



Richardson CPA Alumni Association - December 08, 2021 at 07:00 PM



“ Sue and Pat Patterson purchased the Garden Wreath for the family of Mr. Francois Richard Bussiere.



Sue and Pat Patterson - December 07, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ Richardson Fraternal Order of Police 105 purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Francois Richard Bussiere.



Richardson Fraternal Order of Police 105 - December 07, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mr. Francois Richard Bussiere.



December 07, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ Uncle Dick was a very special uncle of mine. I'm sure he's with all his family members who are in eternal peace including his sister, my Mom. My prayers are with his boys and with all his extended family.

Marc Dupont - December 07, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ Thanks Cousin Marc for these kind words!

AWB - December 09, 2021 at 11:52 PM



“ Tony and Michael,
I posted earlier but I don't know if it went through. Your dad was a force to be reckoned with - he had strong conservative beliefs and he he did everything passionately and with great commitment. My thoughts and prayers are with you both and your families.
In sympathy,
Phil Dupont

Philippe Dupont - December 07, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ Thank you Cousin Phil for these kind words!

AWB - December 09, 2021 at 11:53 PM



“ Marc Dupont lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francois Richard Bussiere



Marc Dupont - December 07, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“ Philippe Dupont lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francois Richard Bussiere



Philippe Dupont - December 07, 2021 at 12:00 PM