



Richard Oscar Behr

August 8, 1937 - March 1, 2021

BEHR, Richard (Richie) Oscar, 83, of Sabattus passed away March 1st, 2021, at d'Youville Pavillion in Lewiston, where he had been a patient for a few weeks. He was born in Queens, NY, August 8th, 1937 to Christian and Lydia (Kurth) Behr. He grew up in Amityville, NY, where he attended the local schools. Richie joined the Navy in his senior year and was stationed in Brunswick, ME at the Naval Air Station for four years.

On November 29th, 1959, he married the love of his life, Florence Dilberger. Together they raised four children, one of whom was born in Maine. In 1969 the family moved to Sabattus. Richie worked in his father's bakery before and after the Navy. When his father sold it, he joined Village Fuel Oil in North Babylon working in oil burner service. He was a volunteer fireman in Amityville and North Babylon. After moving to Sabattus he worked for National Fuel in Lewiston and then Enterprise Foundry, from which he retired after twenty five plus years.

He was active in Sabattus with youth hockey as a coach and referee. He was a selectman and then Code Enforcement Officer for many years. He was on the Sanitary District board for many years also. Richie loved to tend a large garden and mow the grass and plant trees and flowers. He was a "gadget guy" and had all kinds of them!

After retirement, he and Florence went on cruises and to Disney in Florida many times with family and friends and made wonderful memories that will last forever. In recent years, he loved going to the Oxford Casino and hanging out with "the Brunch Club" in Litchfield.

Richie is survived by his wife of 61 years, Florence. His children Diane Salisbury and husband Elmer of Rhode Island, Christian Behr and wife Sara of Winthrop and Linda Behr and companion Tom Hallowell of Sabattus. Also his brother Bob Behr of Amityville, NY and Henry Behr and wife Judy of New Paltz, NY, grandchildren Brian Bouyea of Rhode Island, Lauren Bouyea of Massachusetts, Jennifer Martin and her husband Josh of W Leyden, NY and Kayla Hallowell of Bowdoin. He has three great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Christian, his infant daughter Elaine and his eldest son R. Michael Behr. Burial service will be held on May 14th, 2021 at 9 AM at Mt. Vernon Road Maine Veteran's Cemetery in Augusta, Maine. In lieu of flowers,

donations can be made to the Harry J. Conway American Legion Post 135, PO Box 392, Sabattus, ME 04280.

Events

MAY **Committal** 09:00AM - 09:15AM

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Maine Veterans Cemetery 2

Mt. Vernon Road, Augusta, ME, US, 04330

Comments



“ Flo, I am so sorry....I remember Richie and Cid home on leave from the NavyI was a mere toddler but those two were such good friends! I am so thankful for the times I was able to see you both in RI. I will NEVER forget that y'all drove down for my graduation Besides my kids, you two were the only family I had there. And then the steakhouse opening----I had such a good time visiting with you and Richie! My love and prayers to you and the family....

Audrey Pouler - April 15, 2021 at 05:40 PM



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Amedeo Lauria - March 12, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Oscar Behr.



March 10, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I know Richie will be missed by many people, but most of all by Flo and their children. I will continue to peak for all of you.

Helene Moeck - March 10, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ My deepest sympathies on your loss Flo and family! I worked with Richie at National Fuel. He was quite the character. Rest In Peace my friend. Dot & Bert Gosselin

Dot Gosselin - March 09, 2021 at 07:55 PM



“ So very sorry for everyone's loss. He truly was a great man. Thinking of you all

Bill Plourde - March 09, 2021 at 04:09 PM



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Amedeo Lauria - March 09, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ Sue and I remember coming to Maine back in 2000, the house we bought had a back door to no place, so we needed to pull a permit to build a deck out back.

We were new to Maine, and went to the house of the then Sabattus CEO, Richard Behr. When I asked for the permit, he turned and yelled to his wife Florence, "Here is the crazy guy, from away, who is going to be putting a deck on his house that he can use for a month before it snows." Sue and I just looked at each other and laughed. We've been friends ever since.

He was a fixture at town and political meetings until his health stopped him. He was never afraid to speak his mind and share his views.

He was always proud of his Navy service and told interesting stories about life in Sabattus during his long tenure here.

Everyone enjoyed his stories at Doolin's Irish Pub every week; until his health failed him and he was no longer able to make it there.

He will be missed!

Rest in Peace brother! Condolences to his family.

Amedeo Lauria - March 09, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ A great man has passed, my father. Please leave your messages to our family here and we will make sure Mom gets them! :)

Christian Behr - March 09, 2021 at 01:04 PM



“ To Flo & the Behr Families

Our Deepest Sympathy, just seeing the passing of Dick, He'll be sadly missed, I hadn't seen him on Facebook in a while now I know why. Dick & my Father in Law Alyre Cyr Worked at the enterprise foundry together many years ago, My husband Pat was on the planning board with Dick in Sabattus.

God received another Angel, he was a wonderful man. God Bless

Love Pat & Barbie Cyr

Barbie Cyr - March 28, 2021 at 01:49 AM