



## Richard T. VanLenten Jr.

March 30, 1946 - May 26, 2024

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE TO:

VFW POST 8096  
69 CAREY AVENUE  
BUTLER, NJ 07405

CELEBRATION OF LIFE:

FRIDAY: JUNE 21, 2024  
2PM

JIMMY GEEZ NORTH  
3219 ROUTE 23 SOUTH  
OAK RIDGE, NJ 07438  
973-697-4339

Richard T. VanLenten, Jr., 78 years of age, of Oak Ridge, NJ, passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2024.

He was born on March 30, 1946 in Paterson, NJ to the late Vivian (nee Rendina) and the late Richard T. VanLenten, Sr.

Richard was raised in Wyckoff, NJ. and spent his adult life in Green Pond, NJ. and also for a few years in Laconia, NH. The last few years until his passing,

he resided in Oak Ridge, NJ.

He proudly served in the US Air Force from 1967 to 1972.

For many years Richard was co-owner of North Jersey Tank Lines in Oakland, NJ.

Richard will best be remembered as an avid reader, his love for NASCAR, trucks, and for his country as an Air Force Veteran. He enjoyed meeting new people and swapping stories with fellow veterans.

He was predeceased by his sister Vivian "Jane" VanLenten Dunphy in 2024.

Richard is survived by his wife Patricia (nee Pratte) VanLenten; his daughter Tricia Strasser and her husband David; his son Keith VanLenten; his grandchildren Melissa DeBonte Williams and Michael DeBonte and his fiancée Tiffany Abrams; his great grandchildren Carter Williams and Arya DeBonte; his brothers Peter VanLenten and his wife Chris, and Thomas VanLenten; his sister Susan Bernstein and her husband Michael; his nieces and nephews: Kevin VanLenten, Michael VanLenten, Scott VanLenten, Karen VanLenten, Eric VanLenten, Christine VanLenten Johnson, Laura VanLenten Ortega, Amanda Bernstein, and Hannah Bernstein.

A Celebration of Life will take place on Friday: June 21, 2024 at 2pm at Jimmy Geez North, 3219 Route 23 South; Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to VFW Post 8096; 69 Carey Avenue, Butler, NJ 07405.

On line condolences and directions: [www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com](http://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com).



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **21**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Jimmy Geez North  
3219 Route 23 South  
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438  
<http://973-697-4339>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Deepest Sympathy to the VanLenten Family.  
Regards from The Ruport's-  
Leslie, Scott, Mark, Lindsay and Kim*

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**lindsay** - June 17, 2024 at 09:33 PM

FW

“ *Dear Van Lenten Family,  
I'm so so sorry for your loss, especially so soon after the loss of  
Jane.  
I will always remember Rich for his sweet and kind spirit!  
You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this time!  
Much love,  
Fifer Woods*❤️

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**Fifer Woods** - June 04, 2024 at 08:30 AM

GW

“ *I served in the USAF with Rich in 1969 at Takhli Royal Thai Air  
Force Base in Takhli Thailand. Rich was a kind and generous  
person with a wicked sense of humor. Rest in peace brother.*

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**gary Williams** - June 02, 2024 at 02:19 PM

VG

“ *My big teddy bear friend sorry you never made it out to AZ you will  
be missed*

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**Vito Gioia** - June 01, 2024 at 02:45 PM

PA

“ Rich, although we had our differences in life you were my best friend for many years. I will always love you. So sad you left us so soon.

Pat - June 01, 2024 at 11:14 AM

SW

“ I'm so grateful to have been a friend. We always had great conversations at our two favorite bars, Grasshopper and the old Tuscany's. Rest in peace my dear friend. You will be missed.  
Sharon

Sharon White - May 29, 2024 at 10:52 AM

ST

“ Rich was always a great man and a class act. My deepest condolences to the Van Lenten family. May god be with you all!

Scott Van Teyens - May 28, 2024 at 11:54 PM

EL

“ Still in shock about your passing ☐ You were and forever will be My Daily Buddy💙 keeping me company each day. I know that you loved to talk to new and old friends and share stories, especially about the Tuscany Days It filled your heart, as I watched it for many years it became our daily conversation. It also created so many friendships that became our family💛 Our nightly texts to make sure you made it home safely is a void now ... I always knew your ding 😊 around 930. I hope you are sitting at a bar in heaven with your friends drinking your favorite IPA Space Dust or your new recent Favorite Allagash. Thank You For ALWAYS being there for me on YOUR corner stool !! Love and Miss You ☐ El



Ellamae - May 28, 2024 at 08:01 PM

TS

“Dad, words can not even begin to express how painful your loss is. You will truly be missed by so many family and friends! You lit up a room. Thank you for being my hero. Until we meet again dad! I love you always 🧡

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**Tricia Strasser** - May 28, 2024 at 02:19 PM

KL

“Miss you already!

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**Keith Van Lenten** - May 27, 2024 at 11:31 AM