



# Richard F. Truax

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**R**ichard F. “Dick’ Truax, 80, of Fort Myers, Florida, passed away on Tuesday, February 12th, 2019. He was born to the late James Farmer and Gertrude Josephine Truax Farmer on October 13th, 1938 in Lynn, Massachusetts. He was a graduate of St Mary’s High School and he was later inducted into the St Mary’s Varsity Club for sports excellence. Richard was also a United States Marine. Richard grew up in Lynn, MA and became a City of Lynn Firefighter, advancing to Captain with the Lynn Fire Department. He assisted his wife, Barbara, with Travel Agents International/All Ports Cruise Co. in Lynn MA for 16 years. Owned and operated for many years, the Baker Manor Rest home also in Lynn. Mr. Truax made his FL move to Lehigh Acres in 2003 for 9 years and later moved to Fort Myers. Now retired, Richard enjoyed being a member of the Tice and Shores Moose Lodge and The American Legion. Also a member of AOH Div 10, Lynn MA, and past union president of Firefighters Local 739. For numerous years “Coach Truax” also shared his passion and knowledge of sports, with countless Lynn youth programs, including East Lynn Little League, East Lynn Pop Warner, Post 6 Legion baseball, St. Mary’s High School football and baseball, where he eventually took on the post of Athletic Director. Mr. Richard Truax leaves behind his beautiful, caring wife, Barbara, of 35 years. He will be missed dearly by all of his family including children, Brian Truax(Lynn MA), Susan Reddy and husband Michael(Lynn MA), Kerry Desmond and her husband Michael(Nahant MA), and Brendan Truax(Lynn MA). Richard also leaves grandchildren Christopher Truax, Shannon Reddy and Jacqueline & Michael Desmond. Richard is preceded in death by his precious grandson Patrick Reddy and brother Edwin Farmer. Richard will be sadly missed by his sister Gertrude Baranski, brother & sister-in-law, Ed & Terri Redwinski, nephews Jason & Ed Redwinski, and many other loved nieces and nephews. Mr. Truax also leaves behind his loving furry friends, Starsky, Tayla and Charlie Brown. A visitation has been scheduled for



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Wednesday, February 20th from 6PM to 8PM at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33907. In addition, a memorial service followed by military honors is scheduled for 10AM on Friday, February 22nd at New Life Assembly of God, 5146 Leonard Blvd S., Lehigh Acres, FL 33973. A gathering for Lynn friends will take place at a date later this year. Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home. 1589 Colonial Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33907 (239)936-0555. Online condolences can be viewed and shared at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com)



## Tribute Wall

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JH

**Jim Hennessey** posted:

Barbara, Sue & Brian, I'm sorry for your loss. Dick was a great guy. It was great to know him. He was always smiling, no matter the day and a pleasure to be with. He will be missed. My prayers are with you and your entire family.

February 25 at 5:00 AM

JB

**Jim Burt** posted:

To the Entire Truax Family, I was saddened to read about Coach Truax's passing. He was a such a great guy. He is a legend in Lynn Pop Warner History. He taught so many Lynn kids the importance of the Team, representing Lynn proudly and working together to reach a goal. He was larger than life when I was just a kid. I remember it like it was just yesterday walking from the car to BU stadium for the Pop Warner Championship game, freezing, and looking over to see Coach being led into the stadium in a wheelchair. People still talk about that. How he couldn't care less about his bad back. All he wanted to do was coach those kids. Brian, Susan, Kerry and Brendan, you were so lucky to have this man as a father. The entire Burt Family wishes you our heart felt condolences.

February 19 at 2:40 PM

GM

**Gina & John Manning** posted:

Barbara and the Reddy Family no words can describe how sad I am about Dickies passing. He was loved by so many and the sweetest kindest "GENTLE" MAN I have ever known. He will be truly missed by all who knew him. You are in our thoughts and prayers ??????

February 16 at 8:24 AM

GP

**George Papagelis** posted:

Barbara sorry to hear about Dick's passing, he was a great guy and great friend RIP Dick.

February 16 at 6:37 AM

JD

**Jack Donahue** posted:

Sorry to read of Dick's death. I knew him since his St. Mary's days. I am also a fellow Hibernian from Division 10. May Dick's Soul rest in peace.

February 16 at 6:23 AM



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LG

**Larry Godbout** posted:

Sorry to hear of Dick's passing had a Lotta fun working and playing with him he's very unique

February 15 at 3:24 PM

JD

**Jim Deprizito** posted:

Dickie,Barbara,myself and all the friends and family of the Truaxes are all gonna meet one day in the Myrtle Beach in the sky.Round of drinks will be on me.

February 15 at 10:56 AM

JW

**John And Joy Wright** posted:

So very sorry to hear of Dick's passing... you have out deepest sympathies.

February 15 at 10:42 AM

JM

**James Messenger** posted:

Barbara & Family... We are so very sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Please know our thoughts and prayer are with you. His kind heart and sweet smile will be missed.. With deepest Sympathy, Jim and Debbie Messenger

February 15 at 9:46 AM

CD

**Cathy Devinent** posted:

In my heart.....always. I have comfort in knowing that you are healed and out of pain in God's loving arms. I look forward until we meet again my dearest friend in God's time. In the meantime I will celebrate your life with a twinkle in my eyes and laughter in my heart.

February 15 at 8:46 AM

JM

**Jim Mcdonald** posted:

Deepest condolences to the Truax family on the loss of Dickie. Loved working with and for him at Fayette St Firehouse for many years. Forever missed. Jimmy McDonald

February 14 at 6:42 PM



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RD

**Robert And Kathy O'donnell** posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss . Our condolences to Dick's entire family .

February 14 at 4:11 PM

LG

**Larry Godbout** posted:

Sorry to hear of Dicks passing,enjoyed working and playing with him....really one of a kind

February 14 at 2:42 PM

PG

**Paul Gautreau** posted:

Barbara So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. May he Rest In Peace. Paul Gautreau Lynn ma

February 14 at 8:07 AM

PB

**Paul Bourgeois** posted:

I'm so very sorry for your loss . My condolences to Dick's entire family .

February 14 at 7:27 AM

JS

**Joan Lockwood Smith** posted:

Barbara & Family,My heart goes out to you all on your tremendous loss of your beloved husband & soulmate Dick.My prayers for comfort & healing will always be with you Barbara.With gratitude always to Dick for his service as a Marine & Fire Captain.Truly a very special man & a blessing to us all.

February 14 at 6:39 AM



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