



SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried

November 12, 1928 - February 28, 2018

Richard Gottfried, son of the late Jakob and Anniela Gottfried, was born on November 12, 1928 in Rava Ruska, Poland. As a young boy, Richard grew up in various places in Europe, Poland and France during the difficult years of World War II. He learned to speak six different languages during that time.

In 1954, Richard was asked to be a United States soldier by a recruiter. So in 1956, Richard came to the United States and served the United States Army and retired in 1975 after 20 years of faithful service. He earned the rank of Sergeant First Class and earned several awards and commendations; some of which include the National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 device, Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Silver Service Star and Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Bronze Service Star, Bronze Star Medal (V-Device) and Purple Heart, along with several others.

During his military career, Richard served in Korea, Vietnam (2 tours) and was an honor guard in Washington, D.C. and served as an honor guard at John F. Kennedy's and General Douglas MacArthur's funeral services.

In 1957, Richard was united in marriage to Betty Ford in Colorado and they shared 50 years of marriage together before she preceded his death in 2007. They were blessed with three children: Anniela, Steven and John.

In 2009, Richard was united in marriage to Mildred (Gallion) Sanders in Waynesville, Missouri and they shared many wonderful memories together.

Richard loved animals, even while stationed in Vietnam he found a cat and brought it into the barracks. In later years, he said that he enjoyed “aggravating” Betty and Mildred. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and served as Deacon at the Berean Baptist Church where he was a faithful member.

Richard went home to be with his Lord Wednesday, February 28, 2018, in the Life Care Center of Waynesville, Missouri having attained the age of 89 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Mildred Sanders-Gottfried of the home; two children: Anniela Gottfried of Richland, MO and John (Kristy) Gottfried of McAllen, TX; three step-children: Donnie (Katie) Sanders of Waynesville, MO, Dorothy (Denny) Marr of Republic, MO and Phyllis (Clyde) Winfrey of Richland, MO; grandchildren: Sarah Gottfried-Caulk (Edmund), Nancy Gottfried and Ashley Fleming (Ralph), two great grandchildren: Rylee and Ryker Fleming, along with several other grandchildren, great grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents and first wife, Richard was preceded in death by one son, Steven Gottfried.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 3, 2018 in the Berean Baptist Church of Waynesville with Pastors Mike Hawkins and Chris Hendrix officiating. Denny Marr led the congregation in singing “Victory in Jesus” and was accompanied by Dorothy Marr as he sang “In the Garden”. Serving as

escorts were the United States Army.

Burial with military honors followed in the Oaklawn Cemetery of Richland, Missouri. Denny Marr sang "They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love" and the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood rendered honors. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Richard Gottfried to the Berean Baptist Church and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

Richland, MO 65556

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Service

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Berean Baptist Church
25000 Swindell Drive
Waynesville, MO 65583

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 07, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ *SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Steve Brown lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*



Steve Brown - March 08, 2018 at 10:09 AM



“ *Sharon Green lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*



Sharon Green - March 04, 2018 at 01:21 AM

BM

“ *Bill Mitchell lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*



Bill Mitchell - March 03, 2018 at 11:40 AM

SC

“ *What a great honor it has been to know Richard! He was always able to share more than he received, always bring a smile to our face, and make us realize how blessed we really are. He will be greatly missed until we all get to heaven!*

Scott Chastain - March 02, 2018 at 05:01 PM

LW

“ *Linda Wyatt lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*



Linda Wyatt - March 02, 2018 at 02:04 PM

BW

“ *Brenda (York) Wood lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*



Brenda (York) Wood - March 02, 2018 at 11:39 AM

DC

“ *Deloris Conyers lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*



Deloris Conyers - March 02, 2018 at 11:33 AM

SH

“ *Sharon R Howlett-Carr/ Sandra K Howlett lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*



Sharon R Howlett-Carr/ Sandra K Howlett - March 02, 2018 at 11:28 AM

CM

“ *Christine Malley lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*



Christine Malley - March 02, 2018 at 11:19 AM

TS

Only known him a short time, but he has been a great impact on my spirit.

Tom Slabaugh - March 02, 2018 at 01:40 PM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 02, 2018 at 11:12 AM

NW

“ Nancy Witt lit a candle in memory of SFC
(Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried



nancy witt - March 02, 2018 at 10:02 AM

PC

“ Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of
SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried



Pamela Cox - March 02, 2018 at 09:36 AM

DM

“ *Debby Myers sent a virtual gift in memory of SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*



Debby Myers - March 02, 2018 at 09:11 AM

DH

“ *Della Hage lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*



Della Hage - March 02, 2018 at 08:00 AM

TN

“ *Tamarah And Richard Newell sent a virtual gift in memory of SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*



Tamarah and Richard Newell - March 02, 2018 at 07:59 AM

RH

“ *Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*



Robin Hobbs - March 02, 2018 at 07:22 AM

BA

“ *Bill Susan Anderson lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*



Bill Susan Anderson - March 01, 2018 at 07:01 PM

AC

“ *Art And Joyce Connor lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Ryszard "Richard" Gottfried*



Art and Joyce Connor - March 01, 2018 at 05:06 PM

BW

John I'm sorry for your loss I will be praying for all the family

Brenda (York) Wood - March 02, 2018 at 11:39 AM

AC

“ *We ask God for peace and comfort for the family to fill this huge gap in everyone's heart left by Mr. Richard's going home to be with his Lord and Savior. He was such a caring person and loved his "sweetie." I enjoyed hearing him speak in five or six languages even though I could not understand. He was a true role model for young men of what a gentleman is. We will miss him very much.*

Art and Joyce Connor - March 01, 2018 at 05:05 PM