



## Richard D. Calabrese

October 21, 1948 - August 21, 2023

Richard D. Calabrese, 74, of Manteno, IL, passed away peacefully on August 21, 2023, with his beloved daughters at his side. He carried himself with dignity and strength during a courageous fight with cancer.

Born on October 21, 1948, Richard was a dedicated locomotive engineer for Metra Railroad (Rock Island District) for more than 30 years. In addition to that, he was a jack-of-all-trades and could build, repair and install anything.

Richard had a witty sense of humor that would make anyone laugh. He enjoyed Las Vegas, spending time with close friends in Mexico, playing golf and going to the shooting range with family.

Richard is survived by his loving daughters, Laurie Fuentes, Deana (Jim) Michaels, Cathleen (John) Chiarelli, Julie Calabrese. Forever remembered by his 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. His memory lives on with his siblings, Larry (Linda) Calabrese, Carol (Kim) Norris, two nieces and one nephew.

Richard was predeceased by his parents, Lawrence and Julia Calabrese (Ociepka) and his former wife, Patricia Clark.

After witnessing the most magnificent sunset, "Rick" was ushered to heaven

and will be missed dearly.

In typical Richard fashion, there are no services scheduled. A private celebration of life will occur at a later date.

Jensen Funeral Home of Kankakee is handling the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard D. Calabrese*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *When I first became a Locomotive Engineer, your embracive demeanor helped take the edge off my terrifying experience of being a newcomer.*

*It wasn't always what you said, but how you said things that enabled me to exhale, that made the difference.*

*My first thought wasn't to clam up, get nervous, or become silent when you entered the room.*

*You gave me a wonderful gift that I will cherish forever. I thank you for that gift, the gift of friendship.*

*Rest In Peace Hollywood,*

*Dr. Brenda Castile-Munoz  
Retired Locomotive Engineer/Rock Island*

**Brenda Castile-Munoz** - August 28, 2023 at 11:23 PM



*Thank you so much for the beautiful message. I just read this and it brought me to tears.*

*We miss him everyday.*

*Sincerely,*

*His daughters*

**Cathy Chiarelli** - December 05, 2023 at 09:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Richard D. Calabrese*.



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