



Richard S. Caputo

November 8, 1942 - November 30, 2015

Richard S. Caputo, 73, of Centerville, passed away Monday, November 30, 2015. A son of the late Guido and Millie Reed Caputo, he was born in Bridgeport, CT on November 8, 1942. He was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church, the Sons of Italy in Brownsville and formerly served as the state membership chairman for the PA Athletic Directors Association where he was honored as the Athletic Director of the Year. Richard played football for Bellmar High School, graduating in 1960, and also played for the California University Vulcans. He was the defensive coordinator for the California Vulcans from 1977 thru 1988. Formerly of Fredericktown, he had resided in Centerville since 1986. He was employed as a guidance counselor and athletic director for the Beth-Center School District, retiring in 1994. He received his Master's Degree in Education from Duquesne University. He coached wrestling for 24 years at Beth Center. During his career, he was inducted into the Belle Vernon Area Hall of Fame as a player, California University Hall of Fame as a player and coach, Beth-Center Hall of Fame as a wrestling coach and the PA Sports Hall of Fame as both a player and coach. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Janet Stewart Caputo, two daughters and sons-in-law, Denise and Fred Fundy of Fredericktown and Jennifer and Steven Utterdyke of Lebanon, OH, four grandchildren, Freddy and Dominic Fundy and Meghan and Jay Utterdyke and three sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law Rose Stewart of Belle Vernon, Dorothy and James Stewart of Monongahela and Alice Caputo of Rices Landing. In addition to his

parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, James "Sonny" Caputo. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 P.M. Thursday, December 3, 2015 in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 724-929-5300, 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com A blessing will be held at 8:30 P.M. Thursday in the funeral home with Rev. Michael Zavage officiating. If friends wish, memorial donations may be made to the family for an Athletic / Academic Scholarship in memory of Richard.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

DEC 3. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

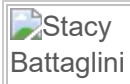
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Blessing Service

DEC 3. 8:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I am sad to hear about the passing of Coach Caputo. He was my favorite coach to play for and I have many fond memories of him. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his loved ones.*

Sincere condolences,

Tony Battaglini

Stacy Battaglini - December 03, 2015 at 08:52 PM

A square profile picture with the letters 'LW' in white on a green background.

“ *I am so sad. Coach was a tremendous educator with a larger than life personality. I know you will all miss him. He was a really good man and my heart goes out to Janet, Denise, Jill and the entire family. I keep a lot of good memories.*

*Deepest Sympathy,
Lee White*

lee white - December 02, 2015 at 10:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard S. Caputo.*



December 02, 2015 at 06:52 PM

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“ Our hearts go out to "cousin Dickie's" family, you are in our thoughts and prayers, may Dickie rest in peace. Love from Sonny & Bette Marino

sonny marino - December 02, 2015 at 04:35 PM

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“ Sincere condolences to the family of Richard S. Caputo

William Hess - December 02, 2015 at 01:57 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard S. Caputo.



December 02, 2015 at 11:36 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard S. Caputo.



December 02, 2015 at 09:35 AM

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“ *Mr. Caputo was an awesome teacher. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.* ”



Deb Hlebik Bruna (BCHS 1975) - December 02, 2015 at 09:18 AM

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“ *Dick was always such a kind and gentle man. A smile was always on his face. He was a wonderful son, a terrific dad and touched everyone he came in contact with. God bless him and his beautiful family. We will keep all of you in our prayers. Don, Bonnie & Donnie Halinka.* ”

The Don Halinka Family - December 02, 2015 at 07:57 AM

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“ *Janet, Denise, Jennifer and families, I'm sorry to hear of Dick's passing. You have my sincerest sympathy and prayers. God bless.* ”

Connie Rossi - December 02, 2015 at 07:09 AM

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“ I did not expect to open FB and see my memories of one of the most influential people in my life disrupted by God's calling of a decent man. At 16, you gave me courage to stand up when I was afraid of what I did not understand. you gave me friendship, respect and you ear to talk to when no one else's would have done. I see you still at the bottom of the hill with you whistle that acted as your broad sword in your mouth pushing me until I could not be pushed any more, and then pushing me a little more becuae you understood I had it in me and expected no less than more. There is always a little more inside us to give, whether it's physically or spiritually. I have learned me to dig deeper from you my dear friend and coach. May God give comfort to your family and friends. I have not lost you. You are my friend and coach still. God rest your precious soul.

Much love

*Younis Zubchevich
Miami*

Younis Zubchevich - December 01, 2015 at 11:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard S. Caputo.



December 01, 2015 at 08:50 PM