



Richard Lynn True

November 6, 1944 - November 18, 2021

Richard Lynn True, 77, of Germantown, TN passed away peacefully at Baptist Memorial Hospital East while surrounded by family on Thursday, November 18, 2021, following a stroke.

He was born to Harrison Leon True and Mildred True on November 6, 1944 in Memphis, TN. Richard was raised by his Mother and Stepfather, James McNeil in Jackson, TN.

Richard graduated from South Side High School in Jackson.

Richard spent his life in service to his fellow man: Boy Scouts, Air Force, Police Officer and a Mason.

He served four years in the U.S. Air Force. Richard graduated from Memphis State University (now U of M) with a BS in Criminal Justice.

Richard served in the Memphis Police Department for 29 years. Starting as a patrolman and working his way up to the rank of Inspector.

For a while, he became the “Eye in the Sky” as the traffic reporter and would broadcast live on local radio and TV channels. During one broadcast he nicknamed the 240/385 junction as the “Lorena Bobbitt Cutoff”, which brought many a guffaw from his audience. Richard was a keen observer of human nature which served him well. His quick wit, his sublime sense of humor and his vast repertoire of anecdotes and jokes left most folks walking away with a smile on their face.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Mildred and James McNeil and his two half-brothers, Mike McNeil and Phillip McNeil.

He leaves his beloved son, Jason C. True of Memphis and Jason’s Mom, Kay Sedgwick of Florida.

A visitation will be held at Memphis Memorial Park, Riverside Chapel, 5668 Poplar Avenue, on Wednesday, December 1 from 9 AM to 10 AM, immediately followed by his funeral at 10 AM.

Interment will be at the West Tennessee Veteran’s Cemetery later at 1 PM.

Cemetery

West Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery

4000 Forest Hill Irene Rd
Memphis, TN, 38125

Events

DEC **Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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Memorial Park Riverside Chapel
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN, US,
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DEC **Funeral** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ Dad, you were my everything! My best friend, as well as my heart and soul!! Words can't express how much I miss you every day!! You were a legend and words cannot express how proud I was you as my father! I will see you eventually in heaven! Take care of all of our lost family in the gates of heaven!

Jason True - November 29, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ So sorry to hear about the passing of ur dad.... He was a rare gem that will be missed by all.

Keeping u in my prayers Jason

Donna Madison - December 16, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ Richard was one of those rare human beings who never took themselves seriously enough to act rude or inconsiderate. To a relatively new police officer like myself, he was a great mentor as to how to get the job done the best way possible, and without a lot of self- promotion.

In his days as the old "City Watch" crime reporter, he gave just enough information to keep citizens aware of active circumstances, but never compromising investigations.

When I went through a very difficult time, Richard was the first to contact me in person, and lend a sympathetic ear. He did this not just for me but for a lot of other people. His guiding principle as he related to me was, "Policemen take care of one another as brothers should!"

I will miss him and carry with me the memory of that infectious smile and laugh. My deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and colleagues. He was one of the good guys.

Lt. John T. Dwyer (MPD-Ret.) - November 25, 2021 at 08:49 AM