



John Henry "The Big H" Pichorek, III

October 14, 1931 - May 22, 2026

John H. Pichorek, III, most often referred to as "Big H", closed his eyes for eternal rest on Friday, May 22, 2026, at the young age of 94. Born the son of the late John H. II and Irene P. (nee Kuma) on October 14, 1931, and lived in the Kaisertown section of Buffalo for over 50 years. He retired from Bethlehem Steel after almost 35 years of dedicated service. he proudly served his country in Korea and Vietnam. Big H was a recipient of the Purple Heart and awarded many medals of honor. He enjoyed tinkering with any kind of engine and was considered by many to be a master carpenter. He built stairs, tables, cupboards, bookcases, tables, dressers, and much more for his family and friends. The big H was always cheered on the Buffalo Bills and the Sabers. His tomato sauce recipe was sought after by many people- but he never divulged his recipe. His beautiful bride of 60 years passed away in 2024 due to Covid related issues. He is survived by his son and daughter -in-law, Richard and Jean Pichorek and their children; Hanna (Russell) Oliver, Charles (Elizabeth) Pichorek, Stephen (the late Jacqueline) Pichorek and Kenneth (Kathleen) Pichorek. The funniest great grandfather of 5 and great great-grandfather of 8. His brothers; George (late Lorraine), and Thomas (survived by Sharon) pre-deceased him and he survived by his sister Gloria (late Florian) Wojcik. Several nieces and nephews also survived. He loved his canine companions, Rudy, Gunner and Sasha.

The family, at his request, will gather for a Service of Remembrance and Military Honor Guard at the Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home privately. There

will be no public service scheduled. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family at St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to the SPCA of Erie County 300 Harlem Road West Seneca NY 14224. Everyone is cordially invited to share a favorite memory, leave a message of condolence and light a candle on his tribute page at www.kevinmasonfuneralhome.com.

His family would like to extend their appreciation for all your love, concern, prayers and friendship. They sincerely appreciate all your sympathy during this time.

Arrangements by the Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home 154 Weimar Street Buffalo, NY 14206 (716) 362-0199 Fax: (716) 462-5355 email: kevinmmason@yahoo.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery

700 Pine Ridge Heritage Boulevard
Buffalo, NY 14225

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Richard and Jean, please accept our deepest sympathy in your dad's passing. may you all find peace, comfort and solace in the many beautiful memories you cherish. I've enjoyed many "mailbox" conversations with him and learned so much about the neighborhood from him. Always had a smile and a kind word. may he rest in peace.

With Deepest sympathy,

Kevin M. Mason and the funeral family.

Kevin M. Mason - May 24 at 08:21 AM