



Richard J. Kardys

May 21, 1925 - January 12, 2017

Richard J. Kardys 91, of Bonita Springs, FL died January 12, 2017. Richard was born May 21, 1925 in Hartford, CT a son of the late John L. and Sophie (Ziemba) Kardys.

He attended local schools in Hartford and after graduating high school went to work for the G. Fox Department Store in the shipping and receiving department. He showed an interest decorating and completing displays for the high end store. He worked his way up and became the Chief Decorator of the store where he worked for almost 50 years.

During his employment at the store his talents were admired by the store owner and many of her well connected friends. Richard then started decorating several locations in the Hartford, CT area including the Governors official home, the State Capitol, several country clubs and the Bushnell Memorial Theater. He did these locations for holidays, parties and various official functions, as well as off Broadway shows.

After his retirement and the passing of his parents, he and his close friend, Atty Martin Colletta traveled the world. Mr. Colletta always wanted to travel but needed an assistant. After the death of his wife, the two men went to Africa on safari twice, and spent several months touring China and Europe.

While touring Europe, after they flew there on the Concord supersonic aircraft to Paris, then road the Orient Express train to Rome where they boarded the Sea Born ship to sail the Mediterranean Sea. After several cruises they were hired to be escorts for ladies cruising alone and needed dancing partners or dinner companions.

After Martin Colletta's death Richard moved to Estero, FL to be closer to his surviving sister, Elizabeth where he lived with Mr. Theodore Sellew.

He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his four sisters, Ann, Emily, Victoria and Elizabeth.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Rose Hill Memorial Park in Rocky Hill, CT.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Memorial Park

580 Elm St.
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard J. Kardys*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Helen lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Kardys*



Helen - January 28, 2017 at 01:22 AM



“ *Theodore And Karen Okon lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Kardys*



Theodore and Karen Okon - January 27, 2017 at 10:56 AM



“ *I remember my uncle Dick, he always was cheerful. He always had time to spend time with my mom Claire Okon. My condolences to the family or friends. Theodore and Karen Okon in Beulaville, Nc*

Theodore and Karen Okon - January 26, 2017 at 06:20 PM