



Richard J. "Dick" Tygielski

August 9, 1944 - January 22, 2026

Richard Joseph Tygielski, lovingly known as “Dick,” passed away on January 22, 2026, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Martinez, California. He was born on August 9, 1944, in Detroit, Michigan.

Dick dedicated more than 50 years of his life to working as a mechanic, a career that reflected his lifelong passion for understanding how things worked. He especially enjoyed working on cars — particularly classic vehicles — as well as motorcycles. Beyond his mechanical talents, Dick had a creative eye and a deep love for photography. He was known throughout his family as the photographer who captured countless cherished memories over the years.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969. Following his service, he continued to pursue his education, earning his bachelor’s degree from the University of the Americas and later completing his master’s degree at Chico State.

Above all, Dick valued family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Paula, with whom he shared nearly 50 years of marriage; his sons, Timothy and Stanley; his daughter-in-law, Heather Hampton, wife of Timothy; his brothers, David and Douglas; sisters Nadine Goulet Gina Tygielski and Pamela Tygielski and his cherished granddaughters, Vivienne and Madeleine.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Tegelski, who passed away in September 2023.

Dick will be remembered for his steady presence, his skillful hands, his quiet dedication to family, and the memories he preserved through both his camera lens and the life he built with those he loved.

Services will be held on Thursday, February 19, at 11:00 a.m. at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Burial with military honors will follow on Friday, February 20, at 9:30 a.m. at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, California.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **19**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel
901 W Second Street
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 745-3130
info@passalacquafuneralchapel.com
<https://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com>

Burial

FEB **20**. 9:30 AM (PT)

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
5810 Midway Road
Dixon, CA 95620

Tribute Wall

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“ *Paula & Family,
We were so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Also, did not know your
Lisa had passed in 2023, so sorry, we also lost our daughter, Darla
in 2023. So many losses.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Virginia, Gary & Gary Ted Cady*

Gary T. Cady - February 18 at 03:58 PM

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“ *Andrew T. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathip
hyllum for the family of Richard J. "Dick"
Tygielski.*



Andrew T. - February 09 at 11:10 AM

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“ *Andrew T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricahard J. "Dick"
Tygielski.*

Andrew T. - February 09 at 11:10 AM

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“ *I remember my husband and I arriving in the Fiji Islands in late 1976
as Peace Corps volunteers - Dick and Paula were parts of our
group of teachers . Later stateside we visited Dick and Paula in
Benicia (we lived in Sacramento then)*

charlene luther - January 30 at 02:15 PM