

# Obituaries

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## Richard Truman Beatty

Richard Truman Beatty, age 88, from Youngstown, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Feb. 12, 2024, in Rochester.

Richard was born Sept. 13, 1935, at Mount St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston, and then raised in Youngstown. He was the son of the late William and Blanche Garrow Beatty. One of nine children, the stories of growing up and waterskiing up and down the Niagara River in Youngstown were legendary. He joined the Navy at 16 years of age, and proudly served his country from 1952-56. He traveled extensively on the USS Forrestal CVA-59, based in Newport Rhode Island, which took him on tours in the Mediterranean, Europe and North Africa. He was also sta-



tioned in Puerto Rico, which he loved the most.

In 1961, he married Barbara Hanoven Beatty. Together, they built a beautiful life raising four children in Rochester, eventually moving to Wilson in 1973. He left corporate life in 1987 and opened the Shanty Restaurant. For the

next 16 years, he owned and operated the successful restaurant. It became the place where friends, family, locals and tourists traveled to enjoy the live music and fish fries.

His love of music resulted in the annual Queen's City Jazz Festival held in his backyard on Lake Ontario. Richard also enjoyed volunteering. His big personality made him a natural fundraiser. After his brother passed away in 2001, Richard focused on marketing and raising money for the Jack Beatty Memorial Regatta. He raised tens of thousands of dollars to benefit Niagara Hospice.

His family and grandchildren remember and loved "Papa" for many reasons: for his infectious smile, sense of humor, and his

ability to make friends just by walking into a room. He was loved for time with him at the "campership," golf cart rides, The Shanty, always joking, lawnmower wagon rides, listening to Frank Sinatra, "STARDUST!", his Louis Vuitton PJs, his love of Notre Dame football, anything Irish, his love for sports, and always watching and encouraging his grandchildren to participate and do their best. His legacy of love and family, teaching his children, grandchildren, and anyone he met, that the love of family is stronger than life itself.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; by his sisters: Connie Carkeet, Mary Jane Norris, Gloria and Gail; by his brothers: Bob, Jack and Paul, who passed eight days before

him and was "his buddy, his pal."

He is survived by his four children: Aimee Rinere of Rochester, Kimberly (Michael) Leary of Northville (Michigan), Casey Stach of Northville, and Michael (Beth) Beatty of St. Louis; by his grandchildren: Jacob, Abigail, Katherine and Jessica Rinere // Emily (Scott) Riley, Ellen, Megan, Shannon and Kelly Leary // Madeline and Rachael Stach // and Blake, Shawn and Marissa Beatty; by his great-grandchildren: Liam Leary and Carter Feezor; by a sister, Judy Killian of Tonawanda; and by many nieces, nephews and countless friends.

A celebration is being planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Niagara Hospice, 4675 Sunset Drive, Lockport, NY 14094.



## Carol Force

Carol Force, 87, of Lewiston, died peacefully at home after a short illness on Feb. 16, 2024.

She was born in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, on May 3, 1936, the eldest child of Fred and Ada Talbot. Carol was married to Paul Force (1936-2017) for almost 60 years.

Carol was incredibly bright,

caring, generous and beloved. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew her.

Carol is survived by her younger sister and brother: Helen Talbot of Lewiston, and Brian (Lee) Talbot of Ann Arbor, Michigan. She found great joy sharing in the lives of her six nieces and nephews: Heather Beebe (Luc Jarry),

Alison Beebe, David (Susan) Beebe, Michael (Rebecca) Beebe, Alicia Talbot, Devin (Rachel) Talbot; and her great-nieces and great-nephews: Laura, Anna, Sydney, Demetri, Claire, Emily, William, Henry, Juliette and Eloise.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Friends of the

Lewiston Library, the Youngstown Free Library or the Western New York Land Conservancy.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Rhoney Funeral Home, 901 Cayuga St., Lewiston.

Visit [www.rhoneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.rhoneyfuneralhome.com) for the guest register.

### IN THE NEWS

#### 'Saint Pawtty's Day' for Diamonds in the Ruff

Diamonds in the Ruff animal rescue will hold its annual "Saint Pawtty's Day" basket raffle on Saturday, March 9, at the Shawnee Firehall, 3747 Lockport Road, Sanborn. The event runs from 5-10 p.m. Tickets are available for \$20 presale, or \$25 at the door. They includes beer, wine and soda. Organizers teased, "Hundreds of baskets, high-end items, booze raffle, bake sale, merchandise, food for sale, and DJ playing your favorite music!"

For more information, check out the event on the Diamonds in the Ruff Facebook page.

#### Wheatfield Seniors trips

• March 27, "Spring Fling" from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Start the day with an old-fashioned, family-style pancake brunch at Sprague's Maple Farm. Learn the art of candle making on a tour of the Northern Lights Candle Factory. Finish the day at the Cuba Cheese Shoppe to stock up on your favorite cheese. The cost is \$72.

Each trip departs from the Department of Motor Vehicles parking lot on 500 Wheatfield St., North Tonawanda. For more information, or to make a reservation, contact Jean Marshall at 716-694-5567 or [jeanmarshall39@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanmarshall39@yahoo.com).

#### NF State Park drawing for Indigenous artisan permits

The drawing for six permits for the 2024 Indigenous Artisan Market at Niagara Falls State Park will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 25, at the DeVeaux Woods State Park Castellani Building, 3160 DeVeaux Woods Drive E., Niagara Falls.

Applications for the permit lottery are available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at DeVeaux Woods State Park, or online at <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/46/>.

They are due back by Friday, March 22.

Applications may be dropped off or mailed to DeVeaux Woods State Park or emailed back to [niagarafallssp@parks.ny.gov](mailto:niagarafallssp@parks.ny.gov). To have a permit application mailed, call 716-278-1770.

Six permits will be awarded. Applicants are welcome to attend, but not required to be present. This is a change from previous years.

To be eligible for a permit, applicants must be 18 years of age or older, and have Indigenous tribal membership or provide verifiable proof of Indigenous heritage.

For additional information, call 716-278-1762.

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