



## Richard Paul Hobbs

May 19, 1935 - June 2, 2021

Richard Paul Hobbs, 86, resident of Saint Augustine, FL returned to the Lord on June 2, 2021. His unwavering devotion to his wife of 59 years, who preceded him in death, and his children and grandchildren, were an inspiration to all who knew him.

Richard was born to the late Albert and Albertina Hobbs, in Youngstown, OH on May 19, 1935. He met the love of his life, Sally Ann Burgstaller not long after he graduated high school, and soon determined she was the one for him. They married on October 20, 1956 and were married for 59 years before Sally's death on February 6, 2017. Richard served nearly eight years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, and obtained the rank of Sargent. After working in the grocery industry in Ohio, the opportunity arose for him to open his own grocery store in Lakeland, FL. Gibsonia Market was the leading grocery store in Lakeland for nearly 17 years. Even though running the store took much of his time and energy, Richard still made every effort to support his children in all of their endeavors. From baseball games and cheerleading competitions, to band concerts and events at church, he always showed up! His kids were his life and their achievements were always a source of immense pride for him. After his own children had grown and had children of their own, he became a devoted grandfather and celebrated their achievements with the same enthusiasm.

Richard is survived by his sons David (wife Christina) and Timothy (wife Mini); his daughters Deborah Maloney (husband Tracey) and Diana; his

grandchildren Shayla, Ava, Andrew, and Gabriela; great granddaughter Arya; and his sisters Dolores and Phyllis.

A memorial Mass will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Saint Augustine, FL at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday June 8th. Flowers for the church service and or memorial contributions to Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church are equally welcome.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUN 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel  
5950 State Road 16  
St. Augustine, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Paul Hobbs*



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - June 07, 2021 at 03:33 PM



*Uncle Dick, you are missed so much! I hope you and Aunt Sally are watching over all of us. 😭*

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**Robin Friend** - June 07, 2021 at 06:29 PM

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“ *Such a great uncle and lots of memories from childhood and beyond. You were truly special. May you rest in peace!!*

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**Mark Brammer Sr** - June 08, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Paul Hobbs.*



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June 08, 2021 at 07:46 AM



“ So many great memories of Uncle Dick. It was always so fun to travel to Florida and such a treat to stop into his grocery store which was always the first stop. He'd let us pick out a piece of candy and what an amazing treat it was after being in the car for so long. How one man could own a grocery store with all that candy was a mystery to me. Our Florida trips would always include borrowing Uncle Dicks camper, going to the beach and getting the worst sunburn....but never as bad as the burns uncle Dick would get... especially on his feet :-) I'm forever grateful for the blessing that you were in my life, and your kind and gentle soul was a guiding role model for sure. I love you and will miss you my very special Uncle. Love always, Dave Obendorfer

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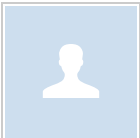
**David Obendorfer** - June 07, 2021 at 09:11 PM

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“ It was always such a pleasure when we could share a visit! Though our families were states apart, our times together were always so memorable. Our trips to Florida were much fun and we so looked forward to arriving, after sitting in the car together for some 18 hours. So, part of your family finally made the trip to reside in Maryland. We had the pleasure of their company for many years, but they made their way back to their home in Florida to be with you. You will be remembered always with love. I will surely miss our visits! Love you.

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**Cindy Baughan** - June 07, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Paul Hobbs.



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June 07, 2021 at 05:52 PM

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“ *Mr. Hobbs was a sweet old soul who I really enjoyed spending my time working with him. I enjoyed listening to his stories about his life with his family and his time in the service. Mr. Hobbs loved his war books and movies there wasn't a day he didn't mention something about battles also he always talked about the movie "we were soldiers" lol. He was such a kind person to everyone it just amazed me how many people knew him in just his neighborhood. He will be truly missed. Now you can rest in peace Richard Hobbs.*



*Sincerely Ashley*

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**Ashley Howell** - June 07, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Paul Hobbs.*



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June 07, 2021 at 03:05 PM