



## Richard Bequette

February 12, 1941 - December 7, 2024

Richard T Bequette, 83, departed on Dec. 7, 2024 at St. Clare Hospital in Fenton, MO with his loving family and special friends by his side. Richard was born on Feb. 12, 1941 in Old Mines, MO. He was the son of the late Edgar and Lourdes (Boyer) Bequette.

On May 1, 1965 he married the love of his life, Margaret Mary (Murry) Bone. Together they raised 3 sons, Joseph Bequette (Shannon), Tad Bequette and Ben (Rea) Bequette.

He is survived by several grandchildren and brothers: Greg (Lucy), John (Mary Ann), Joe (Lisa), Mark and Chris and sisters: Regina, Kate, Mary and Paulette (Danny). Also surviving are sister-in-laws: Marilyn (Donnie) and Pat, nieces, nephews, numerous other relatives, friends and special friends Bob and Marge.

Mr. Bequette took great pride in his military service in the US Army. His service in the military instilled in him a deep sense of patriotism and great pride for his country. He attained the rank of SPC-E5 and was awarded "Trainee of the Cycle".

Richard was also a proud member of the American Legion where he formed lasting friendships and continued to support his fellow veterans.

His faith was unwavering as a devout Catholic and lifetime member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church of High Ridge, MO. His strong faith guided his life and inspired others.

His hobbies included golfing, fishing, hunting, camping, boating and all sports.

He took great pride in caring for his garden and fruit trees.

Richard retired from the shoe industry after many years as a salesman. His occupation took him on travels across the US and around the world.

Richard was preceded in death by brothers; Vincent and Tom, sisters; Alma and Glenda, brother-in-laws; Don, Bill, Ron, John and Bob, sister-in-laws; Melva and Annette.

Visitation will be held Thursday Dec. 19, 2024 from 10-11 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua in High Ridge, MO. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. A luncheon will immediately follow at St. Anthony of Padua.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 3009 High Ridge Blvd., High Ridge, MO 63049 or St. Vincent de Paul – Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis., 1310 Papin St., St. Louis, MO 63103.

Family and friends are invited to share, stories, photos and condolences online at [www.stlfuneral.com](http://www.stlfuneral.com). Additional event details and updates may be found on [www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill](http://www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill).

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road  
St. Louis, MO 63125

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony of Padua High Ridge Catholic Church  
3009 High Ridge Blvd  
High Ridge, MO 63049

## Graveside Service

DEC 19. 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery  
2900 Sheridan Road  
St. Louis, MO 63125

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 19. 11:00 PM - 12:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony of Padua High Ridge Catholic Church  
3009 High Ridge Blvd  
High Ridge, MO 63049



# Tribute Wall

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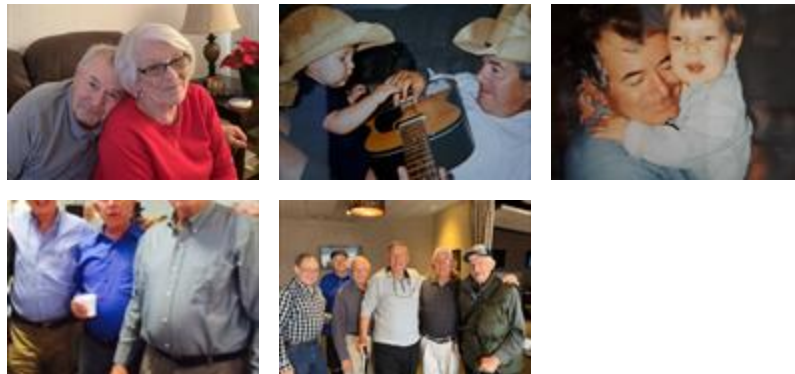
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Murry Bequette - January 27, 2025 at 02:34 PM



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Murry Bequette - January 26, 2025 at 09:20 PM

RB

“ Everyone should be as lucky as me to have had such a wonderful Uncle! Uncle Richard brought joy to everyone around him. He taught me so many lessons growing up. How to hit a whiffle ball, trim a fruit tree, float down a river, cut down a tree (he always made me and my brother take care of the small limbs). We had great adventures. Riding in the back of his truck up the side of a small mountain. He taught me the joy of catching fish, then cooking them to share with family. Later in life he helped me secure my first job in the shoe industry. I am still selling shoes to this day. Uncle Richard was a great man, i was blessed to have him in my life. He will be greatly missed. I am sure he is looking down on us all, my dad by his side, playing cards or fishing. Cheers Uncle Richard much love-Rodney

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**Rodney Bone** - December 18, 2024 at 12:47 PM

JG

“ Uncle Richard got me my start in the shoe business 27 years ago. I was lucky enough to get to work with him 6 years. When he announce his retirement the company chose me to take his position. He and I would travel 3-4 days a week, for months, going to shoe companies throughout the Midwest. He showed me what it is like on the road, from dinners, to driving, to flying. We once saw Prince in a restaurant in Red Wing, Mn. The one memory that stood out to me was on 9/11, after the 2nd plane hit and both towers collapsed, he came back to the model shop and told us “lets pack up and go home to our loved ones, this is a historic day in our country, this is our Pearl Harbor, and nothing will ever be the same”. A few months later he and I went to Belleville Shoe Company, they made boots for the military. We drove to the parking lot, but there were no spots to park, only tents and under those tents were thousands of boots as America prepared for war. We were there to measure feet of every employee and to ensure that we can get a good fitting last for every person that put on that uniform. As we walked past all of those boots in the parking lot, Uncle Richard was unusually quiet, he stopped suddenly, and I could tell he was praying. Praying for the men and women who would be wearing those boots. He certainly loved this country! Uncle Richard taught me a lot, I thank him so much for helping me in my career, but his love for family, country and god are what I will remember the most. Till we meet again. - Jason

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**Jason Gillam** - December 17, 2024 at 01:39 PM

DS

“ If you knew uncle Richard you knew his humor. If you knew him you knew his laughter. If you knew him you knew his generosity. If you knew him you knew his love. To me being with him and aunt Margaret was like a warm loving hug from God.  
Don Short

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**Don Short** - December 16, 2024 at 06:09 PM

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Marilyn - December 16, 2024 at 12:35 PM

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*The 6 amigos.*

Marilyn - December 16, 2024 at 12:37 PM

DY

“ Richard was an important mentor for me when I was a young teen in the early 70s. His kind, strong, playful but firm guidance helped steer me through some tumultuous times. He and Murry created a loving and safe environment for my sisters and Mother when we needed it most. I will never forget him, or Murry, either. Fine human beings, both. ❤️🙏

Dan Yarbrough - December 15, 2024 at 07:49 PM

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Michael Allen Bequette (Pooh) - December 15, 2024 at 10:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Bequette.

December 13, 2024 at 04:55 PM



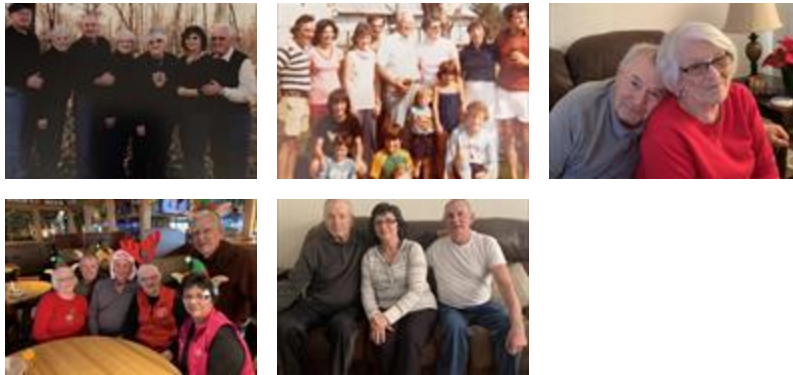
“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Bequette.



December 13, 2024 at 04:55 PM



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**Marilyn & Donnie Pinson** - December 13, 2024 at 10:43 AM



*Such cherished memories with Richard & Murry. Love beyond measure.*

**Marilyn & Donnie Pinson** - December 13, 2024 at 10:45 AM

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Kevin Pinson - December 12, 2024 at 06:59 PM

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Kevin Pinson - December 12, 2024 at 06:57 PM

PC

“ Well Richard was a great. Larry and I enjoyed talking to him and being at family functions. Murry and Richard always loved to cap and would invite us to come down and stay but it didn't happen because we were so busy canning and Larry work all the time. He always took care of Murry and made sure Aunt Magaret was care for. Richard you will be missed by all. I am so glad you are not suffering anymore God Bless we will see you on the other side.

Patty Coleman - December 10, 2024 at 09:08 PM

GR

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. A lot of great golf memories with Richard Bob and Donnie. Gary Ross.* ”

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**Gary Ross** - December 10, 2024 at 05:09 PM