



Richard Ellsworth Pelkey

June 5, 1934 - August 28, 2023

Richard Ellsworth Pelkey, 89, died August 28, 2023. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 65 years, Elizabeth (Betty) Pelkey, and his parents, Francis and Eileen Pelkey.

He is survived by his children, Michael (Angela), Barbara Simmonds (Sidney), Teresa Horger (John), David (Cynthia), and Amy Nelson. He will be dearly missed by his twelve grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Born in Ware, MA, he received a Bachelor's Degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Massachusetts. He worked for 22 years in city planning and public works for the city of Alexandria.

In his retirement he took up many hobbies. He enjoyed baking, crafting stained glass and league bowling. He had a passion for genealogy. After moving to Greenspring Village in 2000, he collected postcards, played poker, pinochle, and Wii bowling.

He will be most remembered as a family man.

Family will receive friends from 3:00-5:00 PM on Monday September 4, 2023, at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr., Alexandria, VA. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Tuesday September 5, 2023 at 1100 AM at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 7600 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery, Alexandria, VA at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation at OIF.org or the Hearing Loss Association of America at hearingloss.org

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

1000 S Royal St,
Alexandria, VA 22314

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 4. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Bernadette Catholic Church
7600 Old Keene Mill Road
Springfield, VA 22152

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Richard fondly from the days when ran the volunteer services program at Greenspring and he was a volunteer. Always kind, always a friendly word. He wanted to help but was concerned that he might have difficulties due to his hearing challenges. So I found him a post where he could do data entry and basically be his own boss. It worked out great for both of us!
I also loved seeing him walking down the halls hand in hand with his wife, Betty (another volunteer).
I will miss him but am relieved that his suffering is over.
Elke Martin.

Elke Martin - September 04, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Ellsworth Pelkey.



September 04, 2023 at 12:38 PM

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“ Richard was a classmate of mine all thru school. I always sat behind him in school cause my name was Pelski. Fond memories. Rest in peach Richard. Jane Pelski, Harry, Robertshaw.....

Jane Pelski,Harry, Robertshaw - September 03, 2023 at 09:12 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard Ellsworth Pelkey.*



August 31, 2023 at 03:49 PM