



## Dr. John Richard VaVerka

February 7, 1929 - November 30, 2014

John Richard VaVerka, M.D., 85, passed away on November 30, 2014 in Tempe, Arizona, after a long decline.

Born February 7, 1929, in Omaha, Nebraska. Dr. VaVerka graduated Creighton Preparatory School in 1946 and Nebraska Medical School in 1952, where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree. He was a Captain in the United States Air Force from 1953 to 1959. Dr. VaVerka practiced general medicine and later anesthesiology, until 1996; he was able to apply his medical skills with great tenderness. He was passionate about the Catholic faith, loved the outdoors, enjoyed hunting and skeet shooting, and was a gifted gunsmith.

Dr. VaVerka was preceded in death by his son, "Infant" VaVerka; parents Dr. James Wenceslaus and Agnes Marie Moore VaVerka; and his brother, James William VaVerka. He is survived by his 1st wife, Helen VaVerka, of Florida, and their children, Patricia (John) Burrell, of Oregon; Janie (Bryce) Elliott, of California; John (Didi) VaVerka Jr., and Bob (Patty) VaVerka of Florida; Becky (Dennis) Jennings and Peggy (James) Alexander, of Colorado; and Thomas (Eva) VaVerka and Mike (Christina) VaVerka, of California; 22 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren; 2nd wife, Gloria Vaverka and their son Matthew, of Arizona; stepson Mark of California, sister, Mary Claire

(Ernest) Ringel, of Nebraska; numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved cats, Matilda, Jasper and Cocoa.

Recitation of the Rosary will take place on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 9:00 AM at Utter McKinley San Fernando Mission Mortuary. Funeral mass will be Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 10:30 AM at the San Fernando Mission Rey Church with Interment to follow at San Fernando Mission Cemetery. Private reception to follow.

Donations may be made in the name of Dr. John R. VaVerka, M.D. to: The Central Association of the Miraculous Medal, 475 E. Chelton Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144-5785.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. John Richard VaVerka*

October 07, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *Dr. John Richard VaVerka*

October 05, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *Hi Dad, we are remembering you on the day you died. We hope you are at peace, we love and miss you, Janie, Bryce, Tommy and Maile.*

**Mary Jane Elliott - Redmond, OR - Daughter** - November 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hi Dad, It's Janie here. Mike did a great job of finishing your head plate at your gravesite. I truly hope that you are now in heaven having a good time with mom and the rest of the family .....I miss our many phone calls and conversations. So much has happened since you died. I'll continue visiting you and mom, please pray for us.....we sure could use the prayers. My love is with you Dad, and God bless the Va Verka family.Love, Janie.*

**mary jane elliott - Oxnard, CA - Daughter** - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Funeral Service for John R VaVerka*

**Mike VaVerka - CanyonCountry, CA - son** - December 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We will all see you later.*

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**John R. Va Verka, Jr. - Jax, FL - son** - December 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM