



Richard "Dick" Fenner

December 21, 2009

FENNER, Richard (Dick) Obed,I, 78, of Plant City departed this life Dec. 21, 2009 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa, FL. He was born Dec. 1, 1931 in South Onondaga, New York to the late, Leonard Field Fenner and Frankie Jane Williams Fenner. He graduated from Weedsport High School in New York in 1949 and served in the United States Marine Corps. from 1951-1954 during the Korean War. Met Nannette Gibbs while in the Corps and were married on September 19, 1954 in Auburn N.Y. He began his career with Beacon Feed Mills in Cayuga, New York and lived in Auburn and Union Springs, New York. Dick was known for his baritone singing voice and performed on several central New York Radio Stations in the 1940's and early 1950's. He and his family moved to Plant City in 1966 and he worked with Florida Asgrow Company as an Inventory Control Agent where he retired after 27 years of service. Dick was an avid bowler until a neck injury sidelined him. He was a collector of movies, loved Ford Mustangs, and was a member of First United Methodist Church and Plant City's First Baptist Church. Dick is survived by his wife of 55 years, Nanette (Nann) Gibbs Fenner; children, Ric Fenner and Jennifer Jackson (David); grandchildren, Rachael Fenner (Eddy Varela), Richard O. Fenner,II, Becky Schreffler (Andrew) and Robert L. Fenner, along with their mother, Margaret Calhoun Fenner; grandchildren, Jacob Reilly, Natalie Jackson, and Mallory Jackson; siblings, Leonard "Junior" Field Fenner of Auburn, N.Y. and Evelyn Fretwell of Ormond Beach, Fl., and many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his

granddaughter, Samantha Jackson. Dick will be remembered for his uncompromising integrity and loyalty, his undying love for his wife and his unconditional love for his children and grandchildren. Everyone will have fond memories of his wicked sense of humor and gift for always making people feel welcome in his presence. The family will receive friends for visitation Sat., Dec. 26, 2009, from 6pm - 8pm at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 County Rd. 39 S., Plant City. Services will be held Sun. Dec. 27, 2009 at 2:30 pm at Hopewell Funeral Home. Flowers will be accepted or donations may be made in Dick's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, The Shriners Hospital, or The Diabetes Association. The family request that everyone wear something Pink in his honor.

Tribute Wall



“ My deepest heartfelt sympathy goes to Dick's family. He was well loved and respected, and he did not want. He will be missed here, but faith explains that we will all be back together eventually. As we pass from this side of the water, over the horizon, there are others cheerfully waiting our arrival. I believe this. God Bless.##imported-begin##Gregg Palmer##imported-end##

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“ With heartfelt sympathy to the family of my sweet Uncle Dick. May his legacy live on within the lives of his fabulous wife, wonderful children and awesome grandchildren. Though it was a sad time for us all to gather, it was absolutely wonderful to reconnect with my loved ones. Time had gone by way too quickly; I have felt very blessed since Sunday when we were together. Love to each of you; you are all in my prayers, every single day. Love you all! Lynda Rae##imported-begin##Lynda Rae Flassig##imported-end##

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“ Thanks for sharing this web site. You know you have all our sympathy in this trying time. I haven't seen Dick in a long time, but I have fond memories. Bev##imported-begin##Bev Clark##imported-end##

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“ Honey, the days go by so slowly without you by my side. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think of you and miss you more each day. Life will never be the same without you. People tell me that things will get better as time passes but I seem to be more lonely than ever. They also say, "things will get back to normal", what was normal for me was having you here with me. I love you as much today as I ever did. May you have a wonderful Easter honey. You are there with our Lord and our presious Sami. I will always love you. Your Nann###imported-begin##Your wfie###imported-end##

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“ Dear Nann, Jennifer, Ric and all of your sweet family, We are so thankful that we have all gotten back together with all of you again. Joycie's death and funeral made that possible. When we were there for her funeral, I introduced Dick to my daughter in law, Samantha, in the hallway of Hopewell's. He was so sweet to her. He told her that she had a beautiful name. I didn't know why he said that, but now I do and I know on that day he was thinking of his baby Samantha. I will never forget that about him. And I am so happy that he is holding the hand of his baby grand daughter Samantha today and they are walking together in Heaven.###imported-begin##Bekki and Danny Phagan###imported-end##

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“ Honey, the days grow longer & quieter here & everywhere, the house, my life so empty without you. The 55 years we had with each other was truly a blessing thank you I will always love you. Until we meet again. Nann###imported-begin##Nann Fen ner###imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Dick. Ma fondly talked about her adopted brother for as long as I can remember. She looked forward to their phone talks and hearing from him on their shared birthdays. I think she felt even closer to him than to her own brother and know that he will always remain in her heart. I am glad I had a chance to meet with him and sharing a few moments at Frankie's funeral. My prayers to you and your families. With every good wish, Brenda Wilder & Sheia Scouten##imported-begin##Brenda Wilder##imported-end##

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“ Daddy, the most honorable, loving, and perfect father a girl could have! I am blessed and you will forever be in my heart. ~ your Midget##imported-begin##Jennifer (Midget)##imported-end##

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“ May God tenderly bless you and your family. bob##imported-begin##Robert and Jeanette Roberts##imported-end##

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“ Honey, I miss you SO MUCH!!##imported-begin##Wife, Nann##imported-end##

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