



Richard J. Fowler Sr.

March 10, 1931 - March 6, 2024

Richard Fowler Sr., "Moose"

Age 92, of Shaler, formerly of Lawrenceville, PA died on March 6, 2024. Preceded in death by his parents William Van Buren and Mary (Puhl) Fowler. He is survived by his wife of fifty five (55) years Linda (Dunlop) Fowler, daughter Kathryn (Katie), son Richard Jr., sister-in-law Martha Kline, nephew Matthew Kline, and extended family. He often boasted his Central Catholic High School education paid for his wife's, daughter's, and son's college educations. Having served during the Korean War, he maintained the Marine crewcut his entire life. After thirty-four (34) years of service, having retired as a Lieutenant, he enjoyed his thirty-one (31) years of retirement from the Allegheny County Police. He was the oldest retiree and last surviving Allegheny County Police Officer who served in the 1950's. As a motorcycle police officer, he met the love of his life on the Liberty Bridge, when he pulled over a Mercy Hospital nurse driving a convertible with California license plates in 1965. He wouldn't marry her until her go-now, pay-later Europe trip was paid off. When searching for their forever home, which had to be a similar commute to all the police barracks, he refused to get out of the car at any home with a driveway on an incline. Family always came first. He spent many hours with his children at Bauerstown Baseball/Softball Fields, Marzolf Elementary School on the basketball courts, and Shaler Area School District watching his son wrestle. Prior to Google Maps, AAA would plan a vacation

for Linda and Richard to hit as many National Parks possible in a short period of time. In his retirement years, he went from being the youngest in the breakfast club to the last remaining member. When not viewing the latest action film at the movie theater, he would be reading fiction and non-fiction. He never lost at Trivial Pursuit and could answer most Jeopardy questions. Shaler North Hills Library kept up with his obscure interlibrary loan requests that brought materials from all over the country to his recliner. Just like his mother, he took his best recipes with him. Moose had a lifetime of memories/experiences and was never shy to tell a story, if given the opportunity, even if his recollection wasn't always accurate. We would like to thank the UPMC Passavant staff for their care of our family. Viewing will be Sunday, March 10, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM with a FOP Service at 7:00 PM at D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD., 4522 Butler St, Pittsburgh, PA 15201. Friends and family will be welcome to gather at 10:30 AM Monday at the funeral home. Catholic mass will be held on Monday, March 11, 12:30 PM at St. Mary's (Christ the King Parish) 210 Garnier St, Pittsburgh, PA 15215. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his memory to Shaler North Hills Library (shalerlibrary.org or 1822 Mt. Royal Blvd. Glenshaw, PA 15116). www.dalessandro ltd.com.

Cemetery Details

Allegheny Cemetery

4734 Butler St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

D'Alessandro Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.
4522 Butler St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Mass

MAR 11. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

St Mary Church - Christ the King Parish
210 Garnier St
Pittsburgh, PA 15215
(412) 784-8700

Tribute Wall

Jl

“ *Linda, Rich and Katie*

My deepest condolences on the loss of Rich. I was blessed to have him as my neighbor for 11 years. I loved his stories, jokes and his home grown tomatoes that he would leave on my window sill for me when I would get home from work. He was special! I apologize that I was unable to attend his Funeral, I just heard of his passing today. Sending prayers your way.

Jason Impavido - April 19, 2024 at 05:53 PM

RJ

*Jason, thanks for your kindness and support.
Rich*

Richard J Fowler Jr - May 04, 2024 at 10:19 PM



“ *Rich and your family. We (Duffy Family) are sorry for your loss.*

*Incline, O Lord, Thine ear to our prayers, in which we humbly beseech Thy mercy, that Thou wouldst place the soul of Thy servant, which Thou hast caused to depart from this world, into the region of peace and light; and unite in the fellowship of Thy Saints. Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.*

Thomas Mark - March 12, 2024 at 01:08 AM

PH

“ Linda, Katie and Rich,
I have many fond memories of Moose and the family visiting on the
Holidays. Moose really had a personality larger than life with a smile
and laugh that was infectious. We're so sorry for your loss.
Pat & Sarah Harlan

Patrick Harlan - March 11, 2024 at 10:21 AM

RJ

Thanks Pat. I still believe Moose and George left Conley's Bar one
night, and nine months later you and I were born, eight hours apart! 🤔
🤔 Rich Jr

Richard J Fowler Jr - March 11, 2024 at 07:20 PM

DS

“ It was my Honor to have Moose as my Sgt. and later as a Lt..
Moose was always a stickler for your uniform and attention to duty
but under that Marine leadership style he had a heart of gold. I
remember once as a Detective we were working a homicide case
near the airport and borrowed a marked SUV from District 1 re: the
airport detail which ended up with a dinge. Later we went to the
Airport continuing the investigation. As my partner and I pulled up at
the station we saw Moose seated in the office knowing that he was
not, how you say, very happy with the damage to the vehicle and us
I turned to my partner and said, let me handle this. I walked in the
station and Moose shot us a look but before he could speak I said,
"Hi Dad, can I borrow the car". Moose looked at me for a second
and then began to laugh. We still had to explain the damage but
with a lesser amount of verbal correction. Moose was one of my
favroite supervisors who provided me with great advise that served
me well during my career. Rest in Peace Brother.

Dave Schwab - March 11, 2024 at 01:54 AM

RJ

Thanks Dave. It's stories like this one that will keep the memory of him alive,

Richard J Fowler Jr - March 11, 2024 at 07:23 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard J. Fowler Sr..*



March 11, 2024 at 01:41 AM

SR

“ *Sgt. Dave Schwab - ACPD Retired planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard J. Fowler Sr..*

Sgt. Dave Schwab - ACPD Retired - March 11, 2024 at 01:41 AM

TK

“ *Linda, Katie & Richie,*

We have so many memories of Moose and hours of playing board games together at the Harlans. He was a great storyteller, quick witted with such a hearty laugh. Moose was always so proud of your family and their accomplishments. Please accept our heartfelt condolences.

Love, Tony & Lori Klodowski

Tony & Lori Klodowski - March 10, 2024 at 09:38 PM

RJ

Thanks Tony. The Harlan family meant so much to our family, and your younger brothers drove him crazy when we visited, I think on purpose! 🙄😂🙄 thanks for the memories.

Richard J Fowler Jr - March 11, 2024 at 07:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard J. Fowler Sr..*



March 10, 2024 at 03:12 PM

RS

“ *My sincere condolences to the Fowler Family/ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Rest in Pease brother Officer. Regis Smith Sr.*

Regis Smith Sr - March 09, 2024 at 07:45 PM

TH

“ *never forget moose at the tunnels directing traffic , i use to laugh and blow the horn to stroke him. he was a good person and a police officer we will miss his wit ... and his wisdom.*

thomas j haser - March 09, 2024 at 01:55 PM

KG

“ *My deepest thoughts and prayers to the family.....*

Karyn George - March 08, 2024 at 02:28 PM

JS

“ *Jessie Start lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Fowler Sr.*



Jessie Start - March 08, 2024 at 01:00 PM

MP

“ *Mandi P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard J. Fowler Sr..*

Mandi P. - March 08, 2024 at 12:46 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard J. Fowler Sr..*



March 08, 2024 at 12:22 PM

EF

“ My Sincere Condolences to the Family, Friends, and Colleagues of "Rich Fowler." A Brother Officer and Military Veteran. Moose was my Supv. at the ACP motorcycle detail, Liberty Tunnels. He was a Dedicated Officer with a High Discipline required from his assigned officers. Rich will be missed by all. May his loved ones get through this trying time knowing that He has Earned His Way in Heaven. Rest In Peace My Friend. Thank You for your friendship while serving with you!
With Respect and Sympathy,
E. Falcione (ACPD)

Elmer F Falcione - March 08, 2024 at 10:23 AM

RJ

Thanks for the kind comments and I am so glad you stopped and introduced yourself to us. Long live the Moose ☐!

Richard J Fowler Jr - March 11, 2024 at 07:30 PM

JK

“ Jenn and Kendra purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Richard J. Fowler Sr..



Jenn and Kendra - March 08, 2024 at 10:18 AM

DO

“ Dr. Steve Conner & Dr. Mark O'Donnell purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard J. Fowler Sr..



Dr. Steve Conner & Dr. Mark O'Donnell - March 08, 2024 at 10:07 AM

SY

“ Sam and Sandy Young purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Richard J. Fowler Sr..



Sam and Sandy Young - March 08, 2024 at 09:26 AM

BC

“ Beth, Jerry, Terry, Shannon, & Carole purchased the Memories 44" Sonnet for the family of Richard J. Fowler Sr..



Beth, Jerry, Terry, Shannon, & Carole - March 08, 2024 at 09:25 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard J. Fowler Sr..



March 08, 2024 at 08:43 AM

BM

“ Bruce and Holly Mion purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard J. Fowler Sr..



Bruce and Holly Mion - March 07, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard J. Fowler Sr..*



March 07, 2024 at 07:41 PM



“ *PUH Informatics - Lisa, Nicole, & Sharon purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Richard J. Fowler Sr..*



PUH Informatics - Lisa, Nicole, & Sharon - March 07, 2024 at 07:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard J. Fowler Sr..*



March 07, 2024 at 06:42 PM



“ *Richard Vidra Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard J. Fowler Sr..*

Richard Vidra Family - March 07, 2024 at 06:42 PM

NG

“ *NICOLE GUSSETT purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard J. Fowler Sr..*



NICOLE GUSSETT - March 07, 2024 at 06:23 PM

LF

“ *Love, your 3 Main family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard J. Fowler Sr..*



Love, your 3 Main family - March 07, 2024 at 06:04 PM