



Richard Ratzel Obituary

Richard C. Ratzel, loving husband, father and grandfather
CUBA - Richard C. Ratzel, of 1049 Carpenter Hill Road, passed away on Tuesday (Dec. 20, 2022) at home, surrounded by his loving wife and family.

Richard was born on Nov. 30, 1934, in Olean, the son of Earl M. and Nina Willover Ratzel. On April 4, 1957, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Allegany, he married his loving wife of 65 years, Nancy C. Lockwood, who survives.

Richard served in the U.S. Navy from February 8, 1954, to December 3, 1957. He began working at the Local 621 Construction Laborers Union where he continued to work until his retirement in 1996. Richard enjoyed hunting, fishing, being outdoors and working around his home.

Beside his loving wife, Nancy, Richard is survived by his five children, Carole L. (Earl) Ratzel of Franklinville, Gail J. (Stephen) Ford of Lebanon, Pa., Richard C. (Abby) Ratzel and Douglas S. Ratzel both of Franklinville, and Daniel J. Ratzel of Hinsdale; seven grandchildren, Amy, Theresa, Becky, Mark, Samantha, Brian and Carl; two step-grandchildren, Amanda and Willie; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Joan Carls of Olean. Richard was predeceased by his parents; two grandsons, Jeremiah Ford and Tyler Ratzel; two brothers, Robert and Gerald Ratzel; and two sisters, Eleanor Dutton and Margaret Shetterly.