



## Richard E. Goldinger

April 30, 1941 - December 24, 2025

Richard E. “Dick” Goldinger, 84, of East Butler, passed away Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at his residence.

He was born April 30, 1941, in East Butler, the son of the late Ralph E. Goldinger, Sr., and Marie (Stewart) Goldinger.

Dick was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He was a graduate of Butler High School, Slippery Rock College, and Duquesne University, where he earned his Juris Doctorate degree. He began his career in education as a teacher at Clearfield Elementary School before entering private legal practice while also serving as a public defender. In 1985, he was appointed Chief Public Defender, handling many high-profile cases. He retired from that position in 2006 and continued practicing law until his full retirement in 2021. Dick was deeply passionate about the law and dedicated his life to serving others through his profession.

He was a member of William H. Miller Lodge No. 769, American Legion Post 117, and the East Butler Volunteer Fireman’s Club. He also coached his sons’ youth baseball teams in the South Butler Little League. Dick was an avid golfer, playing in the Armco Golf Club and at Butler Country Club. He enjoyed music and relaxing with a glass of wine.

Surviving are his three sons, Richard A. Goldinger of Valencia, Jeffrey (Jennifer) Goldinger of Saxonburg, and Mark Goldinger of Butler; his grandchildren, Jacob Goldinger, Lucas Goldinger, and Gabriella Goldinger; his companion, Christine Eakin, and her grandson, Isaac Eakin; and his brother-in-law, Thomas Cornetti; his former wife, Carole Goldinger of Saxonburg; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Linda Cornetti; a brother, Ralph E. Goldinger, Jr.; and a nephew, Gregg Goldinger.

Friends will be received at Young Funeral Home, Ltd., 127 W. Jefferson Street, Butler, on Sunday, December 28, 2025, from 2-6 p.m., with Masonic service at 5:45 PM and on Monday, December 29, 2025, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 12 noon, with Rev. Dr. Laura Saffell of Butler Global Methodist Church officiating. Military honors will follow the service.

Private interment will be in North Butler Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **28**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Young Funeral Home, Ltd.  
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## Masonic Service

DEC **28**. 5:45 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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DEC **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Military Honors

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DEC **29**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JL

“ Jean Lumley lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Goldinger



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**Jean Lumley** - December 29, 2025 at 08:52 AM

RR

“ So sorry to hear of Dick!s passing. He was a very influential person in my life, who really pushed me to be more. He was my sixth grade teacher at Clearfield Elementary School, the very first year he taught. I came back to visit his classroom when I got the chance to do so. I went to work for him when he became an attorney. He was a great guy who really helped everyone he knew. He will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathy for his family and friends.

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**Robin Burns Rapone** - December 28, 2025 at 10:34 PM

LW

“ Dick was great guy he would help you if he could. Rest In Peace Lee & Phyllis Weber



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**Lee Weber** - December 28, 2025 at 06:20 PM

SM

“ Attorney Goldinger represented me many years ago, and another family member- whose life he saved. Dock had an amazing personality, and an even greater sense of humor. Prayers for all of his family and friends at this most difficult time.

shelley michaels - December 28, 2025 at 04:50 PM

SM

Dick\*

shelley michaels - December 28, 2025 at 04:51 PM

RH

“ Mr. Goldinger was my sixth grade teacher at Clearfield Elementary. He was the best teacher I ever had. Always fair and respectful of his students. My sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Rita McLafferty Huet - December 27, 2025 at 03:35 PM

LE

“ Sympathy to the family and especially Chris and Isaac who will miss him very much.



Linda Evans - December 27, 2025 at 12:24 PM

JG

“ Janet Groger lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Goldinger



Janet Groger - December 27, 2025 at 07:32 AM

SH

“ *Stacey Honse lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Goldinger*



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**Stacey Honse** - December 27, 2025 at 07:07 AM

DE

“ *Many fond memories driving to and from Little League practices and games. God bless.*

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**Drew Ecklund** - December 26, 2025 at 09:35 AM

CE

“ *Christine Eakin lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Goldinger*



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**christine Eakin** - December 26, 2025 at 07:43 AM

GG

“ *Guillermo Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Goldinger*



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**Guillermo Gonzalez** - December 25, 2025 at 10:10 AM

GG

*Richard*

*Smart person who always makes me feel good, be so kind and share wine cup. I will remember for ever*

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**Guillermo Gonzalez** - December 25, 2025 at 10:12 AM

PN

*You have my deepest sympathy*

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**pam neff** - December 25, 2025 at 05:54 PM