



William A. Rico

April 17, 1924 - September 23, 2018

William A. Rico, age 94, of Powell, died peacefully at his home on Sunday, September 23, 2018. Born in 1924 in Flushing, Ohio, he is preceded in death by his wife of 68 years Mary, his parents Joseph and Mary Rico and his brother Louis. He is survived by his sons Paul and Jim and nephews Dave and Lou.

At 17 William joined the USMC after graduating from Newark High School in 1941. He served in the 4th Marine Division in the Pacific campaign at Iwo Jima, Saipan, Tinian among many other locations until 1945 in WWII. He was decorated with two Purple Hearts.

After the war he worked as an electrical apprentice in Chicago. In Columbus he worked for Hatfield Electric and Turner Construction on many of the buildings of the Columbus skyline including the State Office Tower, Convention Center, AEP and many others. After retiring, he worked as an electrical inspector for Dublin into his eighties.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, Sept 29, 2018 at 11:30 at the Chapel of Resurrection Cemetery in Lewis Center. Father Stephen Smith will be officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Delaware County Animal Shelter in his memory.

Arrangements by Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 W. Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio 43065. Please send condolences to www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Tribute Wall



“ *William A. Rico*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *My extreme condolences to Bills family. i worked several jobs (downtown high rises mainly) for him. Most memorable job was Nationwide One. Bill was General Foreman and I was in Lee Moores crew. I volunteered to do the electric on the pole which rises 175' above top of building. We installed the antenna and transmission line from roof to top of pole. He was my foreman and adviser during that time. We had some very warm (or hot) conversations at times but we learned to respect and care for each other. He teased me about being Army and I gave it back to him being a Marine. All in fun and respect. I think of him any time I'm close enough to see the Columbus skyline especially the antenna. Bill was an excellent electrician, a true Veteran and Patriot and I'm proud to have known him as a mentor and IBEW L.U.683 Brother. I'm disappointed I can't be at his memorial service. Prayers and very warm special thoughts and memories to you all.
From my heart, Denny Austin*

Denny Austin - September 28, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ *The service and sacrifice of William Rico will never be forgotten. William flew on an Honor Flight in April 2010, and is a part of our memories and history. Our cherished World War II Veterans quite literally saved the world, in exchange for a debt of sacrifice that we will never be able to repay. On behalf of Honor Flight Columbus, please accept our most sincere condolences.*

Peter MacKenzie - September 26, 2018 at 01:22 PM