



## Richard Popiela

June 3, 1938 - October 11, 2024

October 11, 2024 of Sloan, NY. Beloved husband of the late Patricia (nee Rydzynski) Popiela; loving father of Jennifer Bialek and Kimberly Popiela; cherished grandfather of Anna, Preston, Andrew, and Ashton; dear brother of Michael (Virginia) Popiela Jr., and the late MaryAnn (late Roy) Szymanski; also survived by nieces and nephews. Rich was a US Navy Veteran. He was an avid fisherman, enjoyed reading, but most all, loved being with his grandchildren. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Tuesday October 15th from 3-7PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.) where a prayer service will be held at 6:45PM. Private interment in St Matthews Cemetery. Please leave condolences online at [www.SmolarekCares.com](http://www.SmolarekCares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga  
2510 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

## Prayer Service

OCT **15**. 6:45 PM (est)

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# Tribute Wall

BF

“ *Bialek Family purchased the Strength & Solace S pray for the family of Richard Popiela.*



**Bialek Family** - October 14, 2024 at 01:04 PM

JR

“ *Dont RIP too much you two. And save me a couple a seats at that big country concert in the sky. Missin you both.*



**JR** - October 14, 2024 at 05:21 AM

KI



**Kim** - October 14, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Popiela.*



October 13, 2024 at 06:15 PM

LW

“ *LightScapes of WNY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Popiela.*

LightScapes of WNY - October 13, 2024 at 06:15 PM

SC

“ *May today's tears of sorrow and grief soften to tears of joy as I remember the times we've shared and the joy you brought to my life. I will always carry happy memories of you in my mind and in my heart.*

Scott - October 13, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Richard Popiela.*



October 13, 2024 at 01:01 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Richard Popiela.*



October 13, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Richard Popiela*.



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October 13, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Richard Popiela*.



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October 12, 2024 at 06:40 PM



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

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**Your Family** - October 12, 2024 at 06:40 PM