



## Richard C. "Dick" Belloli Sr.

July 10, 1935 - March 7, 2021

Richard C. ("Dick") Belloli Sr.

Convener and Chronicler, Father, Grandfather and Lions Club Lifetime Member

Richard C. "Dick" Belloli passed away unexpectedly on March 7, 2021 in Kissimmee, Florida. A resident of Clinton Township, Michigan, and part-time resident of Kissimmee, Dick was 85 years old.

As the honoree of the "Dick Belloli Fan Club," Dick was an active convener of friends, family, business associates, and others. He organized and gathered nearly twenty separate groups of "chosen family" on a regular basis, including an annual family gathering in Port Austin, Michigan, now 35 years running, as well as the "Belloli Cousins" luncheon which has met 149 times since 2001.

Dick had a pronounced interest in ancestry and genealogy. His parents, Joseph and Virginia, were among three Belloli brothers marrying three Oldani sisters, as both were from large families, Dick realized he had 57 first cousins and started chronicling the family connections. At his passing, Dick had recorded 1,235 family members spanning multiple generations. In 2010, he visited Ellis Island where his father had arrived on the La Lorraine in 1913. Later that year, he also traveled to Cuggiono, Italy, from where both Bellolis and Oldanis emigrated.

While in Italy, Dick visited the resting place of St. Catherine of Siena in Rome, the namesake of his beloved parochial school on the eastside of Detroit. Dick graduated from St. Catherine's in 1953 where he attended since kindergarten and had previously served as an altar boy. He served as the coordinator of his annual high school reunion for the last twenty years and maintained close friendships with many of his elementary and high school classmates throughout life.

Dick attended the University of Detroit and later the summer banking program at the

University of Michigan where he was class president. In 1968, he joined City National Bank of Detroit after a prior stint at NBD Bank. He rose to Vice President of the successor banks First of America and National City Bank. Many of his closest friends are from his tenure at CNB and they have vacationed together on Les Cheneaux Island since 1986. An avid traveler, Dick calculates that he visited 47 states.

Lions Club International was central to his giving back. A Lifetime Member, Dick was active for more than 43 years, most recently with the Sterling Heights club. He was a proud recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow award and had also received the Ralph Lynam Award. He was president of Troy Noon Lions Club for many years and convened more than 92 alumni luncheons of his former Northend Detroit club. He was particularly fond of the Lions Bear Lake Camp, at which a plaque is on display honoring his career in banking from his retirement in 1998. Dick also served on the Beaumont Silent Children Fund Advisory Board for two decades and chaired the Very Special Evening event for many years.

Dick was able to accomplish these and so many other activities because he was an active chronicler of daily life. He maintained an enormous list of everyday activities, including attendees at family luncheons, visitors to his Florida home, and other goings-on. He recorded the 140 golf courses on which he played, as well as a list of every car he ever owned—Cadillacs being his favorite. He used his Palm Pilot software daily to stay organized which kept him on track to mail more than 300 birthday, wedding, anniversary and greeting cards annually.

Dick Belloli was predeceased by his dear older brother Joseph “Bud” Belloli (Elizabeth “Betty” Belloli) and sisters Virginia “Ginny” (John) Carduck and Shirley Belloli. He will be missed terribly by his children, Joyce Belloli (Steve Jaynes), Janet (Lou) Garofalo, Sharon Gehle and his namesake, Richard C. (“Rick” and Lisa) Belloli Jr. as well as his nine grandchildren, Alan (Nichol), Emily (Jeremy), Jacklyn (Ryan), LeeAnn (Jesse), Angeline (Kyle), David (Nicole), Aaron, Suzanne (Richard), and Joel. Proud and adored great-grandfather of Kaila, Aiden, and Lyra, with two more on their way.

A celebration for the many people touched by Dick's life will be held at a date later this summer.

In the interim, Dick will be recognized with Visitation on Thursday, March 25th, from 2-9pm with a 7pm Rosary, at Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., 36900 Schoenherr Rd at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). A private funeral service will take place on Friday, March 26th, 10:30am that will be Live Streamed via <https://youtu.be/8RYdXyttqOU>. Interment will be at

Resurrection Cemetery. Please share memories of Dick at the "On-Line Guestbook" of [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com).

In lieu of flowers, Dick has requested contributions to the Lions Bear Lake Camp, 3409 N. Five Lakes Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446-8333 ([www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **25**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling  
36900 SCHOENHERR RD  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

## Rosary

MAR **25**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MO

“ Thoughtful, caring, always ready to help - Dick was a great people person and I shall always remember many shared times.  
And special thanks to the Belloli family for livestreaming Dick's funeral service so that we could be there in spirit.  
Mike O'Neill

Mike O'Neill - March 26, 2021 at 04:33 PM

CK

“ To Dick Belloli Sr. Family:  
He was a man that created hope for community and the world. We will cherish our memories and respect for our friendship. He was an excellent friend to John, Marilyn, Christine, Cindy and Lisa Kontos. Our deepest sympathy for your loss. He will be surely and deeply missed.

Cindy Kontos - March 25, 2021 at 08:13 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard C. "Dick" Belloli Sr..



March 25, 2021 at 03:06 PM

DM

“ A magnificent and generous man who dedicated his life to many in need! I am honored to have worked with Dick to help children through the Lions Silent Children's Program. His caring, empathy and humor will stay in my memory forever.  
I am proud to have been a small part of his amazing life story!

Dr. Mike

Dr. Mike - March 25, 2021 at 02:57 PM

LK

“ We have so many fond memories of Lion Dick. He was always kind and supportive of The Royal Oak Lions Club and we will miss him.

Lion Maureen Kennedy - March 25, 2021 at 08:18 AM

CB

“ Cynthia & Barbara purchased the *Finest Farewell Spray* for the family of Richard C. "Dick" Belloli Sr..



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**Cynthia & Barbara** - March 24, 2021 at 11:56 AM

KR

“ Dear Janet and the entire Belloli Family,  
I am in awe of your beloved Dad's accomplishments and most importantly the devotion he had to his family, friends, and community, what a life well lived and what a legacy he leaves to you all!  
May his memory be eternal,



*Kelley Riley*

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**Kelley Riley** - March 24, 2021 at 08:14 AM

JC

“ From Sharon and Jack Carolin: We will always treasure our friendship and wonderful memories of Dick. He was a kind and loving friend. Rest In Peace, Dick. Enjoy good golf games in heaven!

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**jJack Carolin** - March 24, 2021 at 07:39 AM

JW

“ I had the great pleasure of meeting Dickie (he let me call him that) when I first started working at City National Bank (CNB) back in 1968. A few years later we worked in the same department of the bank in the Penobscot Building for about 10 years. During that time we formed a "pool group" who met at my house weekly for over two years. This is when my 3 children first got to know, and adore, Dick and they had continued their relationship with him all these years; he was "Uncle Dick" to them.

Our CNB group friendships continued as we formed another group which we called the "Snows Boys". The Snows is a beautiful place in the Les Cheneaux Islands in the eastern portion of the upper peninsula of Michigan where the 6-8 of us have visited twice a year since the mid-1980's. Of the approximately 70 trips for this group, I think Dick only missed two of them, one for a grand child's graduation and the other for a Lions Club major event.

Dick was one of the kindest, most thoughtful and caring individuals I have ever met in my lifetime. I will greatly miss his friendship and I will think of him often as will the "boys". Dick was wonderful, more than wonderful.

Jeff & Carol Whitehead - and Courtney, James & Adam

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Jeff and Carol Whitehead - March 22, 2021 at 04:52 PM

MB

“ My condolences and love to the Belloli family. Your father was very special a great neighbor and very proud of his family.  
There are so many wonderful memories but my two favorites are how little Johnny would go to your house and tell "Mr. Belloli" that his parents didn't feed him and he was hungry. Of course Dick took care of him.  
My second one was the battle of the squirrels and the bird feeder.

Much love and sympathy to you.

Mary Clark Berry

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Mary E Berry - March 22, 2021 at 04:35 PM

KK

“ Dear Family,

*We were so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathy, and know that the entire family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*With heartfelt sympathy and prayers,  
Ken and Lynne Kubit*

*(Ken's Dad and Beverly's Mother were brother and sister)*

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**Ken and Lynne Kubit** - March 20, 2021 at 08:55 PM

WY

“ We reverently light a candle  
In memory of Lion Dick Belloli P.D.G.  
His dedication to Lionism is monumental.  
We shall always remember him as a God-given friend and  
a truly remarkable gentleman.  
May God bless his soul.  
William Larry Young, P.I.D. and Lioness Harriet L. Young



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**William Larry and Harriet L. Young** - March 20, 2021 at 07:44 PM

SG

*Prayers for you and your family Janet. Love Aunt Shirley* 🤍🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**Shirley Garofalo** - March 21, 2021 at 07:56 PM

SG

*Prayers for you and your family Janet. Aunt Shirley* 🤍🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**Shirley Garofalo** - March 21, 2021 at 07:57 PM

JG

*Thank you so much Aunt Shirley* 🤍

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**Janet Garofalo** - March 22, 2021 at 03:03 PM

RP

*I've had the pleasure of knowing Dick through Lionism about 25 years. He was one of those people you take an instant liking to. Sterling Heights Lions were fortunate when he decided to move over to our club in about 2008. He was always willing to help out on any project the club had, and was on numerous committees. He was a guy you could go to for advise, and could have a great conversation with on any subject. He also did much of my editing for the Beaumont Silent Children's Fund, and the club Newsletter. He will be sorely missed by all of us Sterling Heights Lions, and many more Lions in the District. May he rest in eternal peace. Lions Ron & Lorie Papa*

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**Ronald Papa** - March 23, 2021 at 09:09 PM

OR

“ Olive-Cherie Richardson lit a candle in memory of Richard C. "Dick" Belloli Sr.



Olive-Cherie Richardson - March 20, 2021 at 07:01 PM

OR

You are a dear friend to us. The Larry and Harriet Young family.Lions Clubs International

Olive-Cherie Richardson - March 20, 2021 at 07:03 PM

AB

“ Dick,  
Now that you are in heaven, please continue to look kindly on all of us. We will try to practice your many examples of kindness, generosity, humor, and of course, the relishing of Italian food. You were a wonderful person and I am privileged to have known you and your family. Our family jaunts to Port Austin are among my most treasured memories and hearing you greet everyone and hearing you laugh are among my most treasured memories! In my mind, you will always be an Italian angel!  
Rest in peace, dear friend!  
Anne Marie Ballew

Anne Marie Ballew - March 19, 2021 at 06:37 PM

JO

“ I have never personally met Dick, however, my sister, Anne, has been heavily involved with our Ancestry and building our "Family Tree" for years and, Dick Belloli is a name I have heard often over the years. Some of my siblings and cousins have religiously attended the "Cousin's Luncheon" Dick had organized and kept going. My parents, Jack and Betty Oldani, both of whom passed in 2006, were also part of that Cousin's Luncheon. Reading some of the memories of Dick by family members is a testament to the "Gift" Dick Belloli has been to everyone he met, and even anyone who heard of him and how welcoming he was. Dick sounds like one of those individuals that others would flock to because he would make them feel great just by being around him. Truly, he was a Gift to all of us. May God continue to Bless all who know of him and especially Bless his family and extended family. The challenge to all of us is to be more like Dick! May he Rest In Peace!

John Oldani - March 19, 2021 at 01:15 PM

“ There are not enough words in the world to properly articulate all of the lessons of love that Uncle Dick has taught me. It was never a question of IF he wanted to be there, but WHAT TIME the event started so he could arrive ready. He was one of the most present, thoughtful, and inclusive people I have ever interacted with. His actions were entirely intentional and he made connections with everyone around him. I am not kidding when I say he would enter a room of strangers and leave with best friends. Him and Beverly (his ex wife, whom he still loved and respected and HUNG OUT WITH until the day she died) were two of the older people in my family who first sought Tim out to welcome him with love. Uncle Dick would joke that once you were in you could never leave. He loved telling the story about how he and Beverly still vacationed together and expressed that love is love, family is family, and everyone is valued here. Uncle Dick taught me the importance of showing up—every day—all of the time with energy and intention. He taught me about the power of building a community. He showed me that compliments matter and being genuine in your actions are what help to build a community of trust. He would go to the gravesite of family members that have passed, spend time there, plant flowers, and thank those who have been here before him for all of the lessons that they have taught him. He was sharp. He loved a good meal and attentive wait staff. He tipped phenomenally and was a story teller for anyone that gave him a captive audience. He listened. He listened so well to identify the need and then he would reach out to his connections to help problem solve. He was such a cheerleader for everyone in his life. He wanted everyone around him to succeed, be happy, have connections, be well-fed, and supported on wherever their journey took them. He was one of the easiest people on the planet to talk to and he was a constant hype person if I ever needed a boost. Just a few weeks ago I got to chat with him for 2 hours on the phone. I ignorantly told Tim I was going to make a “quick call” and hours later I was still laughing and connecting with Uncle Dick. He shared with me that his neighbor’s car was having trouble and they contacted him about a required part. Instead of giving him the part, he tossed his keys to the guy and said “go get your daughter from the airport, we will figure this out later”. The neighbor was a total stranger and he was shocked at this kindness. Uncle Dick just casually stated that if you can help someone, YOU DO. He sent me a follow-up text, after our two hour long conversation, and I included that photo. He is so willing to alter HIS plans to accommodate me. He was so unbelievably willing to do whatever he needed to do to make sure everyone was included. I am going to really miss him in my daily life. His legacy of love will continue by all who he has touched. He set the foundations of love and that will not crumble.



BJ

“ Our hearts were broken when we heard the sudden passing of our Uncle Dick. We are so happy we did see him in Florida this past January for dinner at Disney Springs and spent time with him. He made us always feel welcomed when we stayed with him at his condo a few years ago.. loved going to many places in Florida with him ... he was the perfect tour guide! Brian enjoyed talking Detroit sports with him and politics too. He will be missed



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**Brian & Ellie Johnson** - March 18, 2021 at 10:07 PM

JS

“ My condolences to Dick’s whole family. I was so shocked and sorry to hear of his passing. I can still remember the first time I met him. Lou invited me to join Janet and him along with family at a comedy club before Lou and Janet married. Dick was a very friendly guy who made everyone feel welcome. I was fortunate to spend a lot of New Year’s eves along with birthday parties with Dick, Janet and Lou, and family. Rest In Peace my friend.  
John Sopoliga



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**John Sopoliga** - March 18, 2021 at 02:36 PM

JG

Thank you so much John ❤️

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**Janet Garofalo** - March 22, 2021 at 03:04 PM