

**Old Erie Lodge #3, F&AM**

March 23 at 2:32pm ·

Brother Frederick C. Richards

WARREN - Frederick "Fuzz" C. Richards, 88, of Dodge Street NW, died of natural causes at 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 18, 2016.

He was born Nov. 3, 1927, in Leavittsburg, the fourth of four children of John and Sarah Richards.

He was married in 1950 to Isabelle V. Swipas with whom he had four children.

He maintained his permanent residence in the Warren area for his entire life.

Following graduation from Leavittsburg High School in 1945, he signed with the Chicago Cubs, playing baseball in the Cubs organization for 11 years, including his major league debut in 1951.

Upon completion of his playing career, he considered remaining in baseball as a coach with the Kansas City Athletics but finally elected to return to Warren where he joined the Warren Fire Department. He remained with the WFD until 1984, when he retired as assistant chief. During this same period, he worked with Warren Fire Equipment, servicing the fire protection needs of many local businesses, schools and churches.

Mr. Richards was a 32nd-degree Mason and a member of the Shriners. He was also a member of Grace United Methodist Church and the Warren Olympic Club. He enjoyed many outdoor activities, including the opportunity to spend a sunny afternoon at the ballpark.

Survivors include two sons, Mr. F. Timothy (Vicki) Richards of Detroit, and Mr. Dan (Rebecca) Richards of Atlanta; two daughters, Mrs. Victoria (John) Woods of Atlanta, and Mrs. Jennifer (Kevin) Wyndham of Howland; a brother, Mr. John (Ann) Richards of Sebring, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years and his two sisters, Mrs. Virginia Clark and Mrs. Irene Savelle.

Services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at Grace United Methodist Church in Warren.

Family and friends may gather from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, at Carl W. Hall Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Entombment will take place in Crown Hill Burial Park, Vienna.

In lieu of flowers, please make any memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Association, 70 W. Streetsboro St., Suite 201, Hudson, OH 44236. www.alz.org, and / or Grace United Methodist Church, 1725 Drexel Ave. NW, Warren, OH 44485, in Fuzz's memory.

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