



Arthur Raymond Rinke

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L CDR Arthur Raymond Rinke went home to be with his Lord and Saviour on the morning of Sunday, November 12, 2023.

Arthur was born on February 13, 1926, in Mt. Vernon, NY, and was adopted by his parents, George and Edna Rinke. He also had an adopted sister, Janet, and their family lived in Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

After graduating from The Hill School, Arthur attended the United States Merchant Marine Academy, receiving his B.S. in Marine Engineering in 1947. From there he went on to the University of Connecticut and obtained his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1954. In 1944 Arthur joined the U.S. Naval Reserves and served as active duty aboard the submarine USS Chopper (SS342) from 1951 to 1953. He retired from the Naval Reserves with the rank of Lieutenant Commander in 1967. During his time of service, he was the recipient of the Naval Reserve medal along with various combat zone medals.

During his time in Connecticut, he met his first love, Ann Centuscudi Rinke, who lovingly called him Rickets. They married in 1948 and had three children, William Rinke, Wava Rinke Frey, and George Rinke II. They remained married until Ann's passing in 1977.

He met his second love, Voncile Stewart Rinke and they married in 1978. He became



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the

stepfather to her four grown children, Robert Stewart, Sharon Guadagna, Ronald Stewart, and

Cheryl Moorhouse. They remained married until Voncile's passing in 2011.

In 1979 he became a grandfather for the first time and proceeded to have a total of 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren and was lovingly given the name of Papa.

His time in the Merchant Marines and the Naval Reserves led him to a long career as a

mechanical engineer. He worked on many buildings in and around the Tampa Bay and Central

Florida areas.

After he retired in 1986 he continued his lifelong hobby of model trains, enjoying jazz music, and

being a loving husband, father, and grandfather to his family. He always enjoyed a good meal,

conversations with loved ones, photography, and a good movie.

If there was one thing he would want you to know about is that he loved the Lord with his whole

heart. Arthur came to know the Lord as his Saviour in the mid 70's. He loved supporting his

church, Starkey Road Baptist Church as well as many missionaries who he and Voncile

considered extended family.

Arthur is preceded in death by his parents, George and Edna Rinke, sister Janet Roach, wife

Ann C. Rinke, wife Voncile S. Rinke, and stepdaughter Sharon Guadagna. He is survived by his

three children, William Rinke, Wava Frey, and George Rinke II, his three stepchildren, Robert

Stewart, Ronald Stewart, and Cheryl Moorhouse, his 18 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.



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He will be loved and missed by all who knew him, but none more than his family.

While they will

mourn him not being here on Earth, they rest in the fact they know he is with his

heavenly

Father and will see him again one day.

Until then, fair winds, following seas.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00 pm on Monday, November 20 at Memorial
Park Funeral

Home, 5750 49th St N, St. Petersburg followed by interment at Memorial Park
Cemetery with

military honors. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral. In lieu of
flowers, please

make donations to Empath Suncoast Hospice Foundation in his memory.



Events


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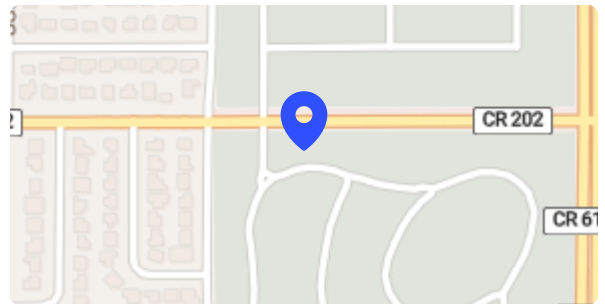
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Visitation


 **Monday**, November 20, 2023


 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


 **Memorial Park Funeral Home**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

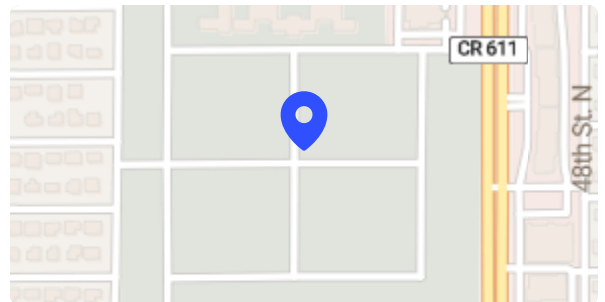


Funeral Service


 **Monday**, November 20, 2023


 12:00 PM ET

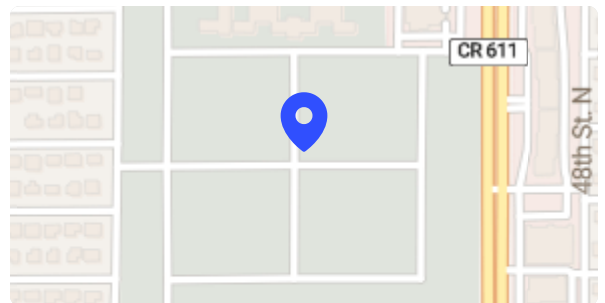
 **Memorial Park Funeral Home & Crematory**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



Cemetery Details

 **Memorial Park Cemetery**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

 **(727) 369-8228**





Tribute Wall

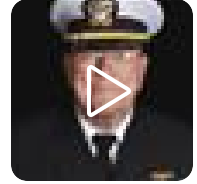
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