

high school in the heavyweight division.

In 1957 he joined the Navy where he took boot camp in Bainbridge, Md., and served in a Hall of Fame Company. He was a Seabee CN Mechanic stationed at Clarksville Base, Tenn., and attended Mechanist Mate School in Great Lakes, Ill. He was stationed in Little Creek, Va., and Mayport, Fla., serving on The U.S.S. Massey, the U.S.S. Alan M. Sumner, the U.S.S. William C. Lawe, and the U.S.S. Perry, as a MM3.

While stationed in Mayport he met and married Verene Stevenson in September 1960. They lived in Jacksonville until June 1962, when they moved to Washington where he worked as a mechanic, teamster and construction worker. He worked with his brothers in the printing trade for a while then taking over a family publication on antiques. Richard and Verene published "The Eastern Antiquity" later to be renamed "The Antiquity" for four years, traveling all over the central and eastern part of the U.S. distributing magazines and interviewing for personal stories.

In 1974, Richard and brother Ted moved, with their families, to Nashville, Tenn., to pursue a career in Bluegrass music. The music group traveled all over the U.S. playing many colleges, festivals and stadium shows. The group disbanded in 1977 and Richard and Verene moved back to New Jersey where he worked, again, with his brother in the printing and publishing business. His last five years of work he drove an 85 ton back dump truck on a construction site,

building a huge dam. In 1979, after 18 years of marriage, they were blessed with their first child, Risheana. She was premature and had many difficult months after birth. She has Cerebral Palsy and was the delight of her father and loved to hear him sing to her. He took care of her while his wife worked during the first four years in Florida until he lost his leg to diabetes.

In N.J. he was a former member of the JayCees and Kiwanis, active member in the Washington Assembly of God and Bethesda Christian Center in Budd Lake.

He was a member of Oakland Assembly of God in Fort Walton beach for nine years and loved to sing tenor in the choir.

He enjoyed searching for his ancestors and has searched many of his family names. He also loved to grow vegetable gardens as well as the many flowers in his yard.

Two daughters died at birth.

He is survived by his daughter, Risheana who attends Silver Sands School; a brother, Ted and wife Betty in Tenn., their children Cheryl, Edward Jr., Susan, David, Charman and Amy and their spouses and children; a sister Marylyn Cressman and husband Kaye and their children Debbie, Kerry and Kim and their spouses and children; a sister Barbara Gordon, her husband Jim and her children, John, James, Joe and Michelle Sampson; a brother Barry and his wife Ruthann and their daughters, Jennifer and her husband, and Holly and Gretchen; a sister Dorita Mortensen and her husband Morten, their children Erik, Heidi and twins Amber and Brit-

tany, a sister Wendy and her sons Jordan and Travis; and many great-nieces and nephews.

Services were by Emerald Coast Funeral Home in Fort Walton Beach.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Oakland Assembly of God for Verene & Risheana's financial burdens, or a donation to Silver Sands School in honor of his Risheana.

Memorial services were celebrated at Assembly of God Church in Washington.

DeVoe Funeral Service handled local arrangements.

Richard Floyd Mueller

Richard Floyd Mueller, 60, of Mary Esther, Fla., died March 4 at Intensive Care Unit of Twin Cities Hospital in Niceville, Fla.

Born in Washington, Dec. 26, 1939, he was a son to Ewald and Edwina Fox Mueller. He grew up there.

He was a Born Again Christian and enjoyed, as an adult, attending Crusades. As a young boy he washed cars, set pins in a bowling alley, and mowed grass to make a little extra money.

As a youth he loved to swim and play baseball and football with his friends. He wrestled in

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