



## Dr. James Richard Mazzara

October 15, 2015

James Richard Mazzara, 91, of Hackensack, New Jersey, passed away on October 15, 2015.

He was born to the late Andrew and Theresa Mazzara, October 5, 1924, in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. Richard graduated magna cum laude in Greek Honors from St. Francis Xavier High School in New York City in 1941. He was a cadet company commander in the Xavier Regiment. He also attended Cornell University before being accepted and studying for his medical degree at Georgetown University Medical School. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He married the late Ruth Doris Fleming from Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, in November, 1948, and they lived together in Washington DC, while he did his internship and residency, before relocating to Bergen County, New Jersey in 1953.

Richard was a general surgeon working at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, New Jersey from 1953 to 2003. He served as both the Chief of Surgery as well as the Director of Surgery at Holy Name. Following his retirement from Holy Name Hospital, Richard continued to serve in a non-surgical capacity assisting with routine physical and insurance exams for several years.

A devoted husband and father, Rich committed many years to attending to the physical and medical needs of his wife, Ruth, before she passed away. He also loved to visit his family in Florida, the Washington DC area, and the west coast. For his entire family life has was a caregiver. He was a great surgeon, very highly regarded by his patients and their families. Richard was, as both a

husband and father, a great provider to all of his family members. He truly cared for and took care of his wife in her worst hours. He handled so much, never complained, and bore the 'burden' heroically. He was also a kind, caring, and compassionate man to those outside his immediate family, even strangers.

Richard is survived by seven children: Andrew Mazzara of State College, Pennsylvania; Cynthia Mazzara-Doherty of Kirkland, Washington; Richard Mazzara of Hood River, Oregon; James Mazzara of Allendale, New Jersey; Jeanne Metz of Frederick, Maryland; Gerard Mazzara of Hackensack; and Anne Mazzara of Gambrills, Maryland. He also is survived by thirteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Friends and family are invited for visitation Monday, October 19, from 9-11AM at the Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck. Funeral service at 11AM, at the funeral home. Entombment to follow, George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus. For more information and to view Richard's tribute page, please visit [volkleber.com](http://volkleber.com)

# Cemetery Details

## George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Teaneck  
789 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
(201) 836-0202  
info@volkleber.com  
<https://www.volkleber.com>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. James Richard Mazzara*



**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - October 18, 2015 at 01:27 PM



“ *Dr. James Richard Mazzara*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Dr. James Richard Mazzara*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Dr. James Richard Mazzara*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Mickey, Loren, Jacob, Zachary and Jesse MacTaggart purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. James Richard Mazzara.*



**Mickey, Loren, Jacob, Zachary and Jesse MacTaggart** -  
October 19, 2015 at 07:35 AM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - October 18, 2015 at 01:02 PM

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“ *Connie Heeg purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Dr. James Richard Mazzara.*



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**Connie Heeg** - October 18, 2015 at 10:44 AM

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“ To all the Mazzaras. I'm so sorry to hear about your father's passing. He was a very kind man and played an important part in my life. When I was 17, a local doctor incorrectly told my parents that I had a tumor in my neck and recommended extremely invasive surgery. Once your mother heard about this, she told your dad, who got my parents an appointment with a very competent doctor who correctly diagnosed there was no tumor and no need for any surgery. Thank God for your dad (and your mom :)). Your dad lived a long life but it really doesn't matter to you that he lived so long; I'm sure he will still be missed. I remember how your dad took care of your mom when she was so ill. You had two terrific parents. May your dad rest in peace. I am so sorry I can't be there on Monday, but I will keep your dad in my prayers. Dan Fleming (and my wife, Linda Wong, and my kids Claire and Robert).

Dan Fleming - October 17, 2015 at 04:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. James Richard Mazzara.



October 17, 2015 at 01:57 PM

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“ The Schiffino Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Dr. James Richard Mazzara.



The Schiffino Family - October 17, 2015 at 10:25 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. James Richard Mazzara.*



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October 17, 2015 at 08:26 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. James Richard Mazzara.*



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October 17, 2015 at 08:21 AM