



RICHARD J. DEL BIANCO
November 6, 1930 – September 5, 2009

The 2009 Rutland Town Report is dedicated to Richard J. Del Bianco, IN MEMORIAM. Dubbed the “unofficial mayor of Center Rutland”, Dick was fiercely proud of his town, his church, his kids and his grandkids.

Dick spent most of his life in Center Rutland, living first on Barrett Hill, then Old Falls Rd. He attended Center Rutland School, which later became his office. He graduated in 1948 from Mount Saint Joseph Academy and was hired by the Vermont Marble Company as a draftsman. He continued his career with the Detroit Marble Company until he was drafted by the Army where he served in the Korean War.

After his service discharge, he returned to work at the Vermont Marble Company where he met his wife, Marilyn, and they were married in 1954. They lived in Proctor until 1958 when they moved to East Proctor Road. Dick worked for the Howe-Richardson Scale Company for 20 years. The plant’s closing turned out to be a blessing in disguise because Dick’s next job was his true calling. He became Town Clerk/Treasurer of Rutland Town, a position he held until his retirement, 21 years later. He spent the last 12 years serving as a Selectman, attending his last meeting the night before his stroke.

Dick was a Charter Member of the Rutland Town Fire Department, Rutland Town School Board, Town & City Clerk’s Association, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post #31, Italian Aid Society, Proctor-Pittsford Country Club, St. Peter’s Church and Parish Council. He had a 23 year perfect attendance record at Rutland South Rotary Club and earned the distinction of becoming a Paul Harris fellow.

Dick was famous for his Bob Newhart skits which he performed in front of audiences big and small. He was thrilled to meet Bob in person in Burlington in 1990 and died on Bob’s 80th birthday. But as funny as it was to hear him perform “The Driver Instructor” or “The Retirement Party”, perhaps his funniest skit was the one he wrote himself about his time spent as a Rutland Town fireman.

Dick and Marilyn were extremely proud of their five children and seven grandchildren.

Dick touched the lives of so many. May we all remember his zest for life, his positive spirit, his love of family, his dedication to the Town and his sense of humor.