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NAPLES, FL - Richard H. Legro, age 86, of New Hartford, NY and Naples, FL, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2016.

Born in Utica, NY, on May 1, 1930, Richard, or "Dick" as he was known to everyone, was the son of Brainard Legro and Frances Ellen Sheehan. He graduated from New Hartford High School in 1949, where he was proud to be recognized as an outstanding athlete, playing football, basketball, baseball and track. Dick continued his education at Utica College receiving his BA in 1954. After college, he served in the United States Army, as a supply specialist, based in Alaska, during the Korean Conflict.

He was united in marriage to Hilda Brady at Grace Episcopal Church on August 22, 1953. They spent 45 years together, raising two children.

Dick and his father founded Midway Industrial Supply in 1960. He remained active in the company as Chairman of the Board until his passing. He took great pleasure in working with his family, customers and valued employees. He was active in the Power Transmission Distributors Association and the Industrial Distributors Association, as well as volunteering for many local organizations.

Dick was an avid golfer and member of the Yahnundasis Golf Club and Sadaquada Golf Club in New Hartford and the Royal Poinciana Golf Club in Naples. He was a member of The American Legion Post 1376 in New Hartford.

He will be remembered fondly by his family for the many enjoyable winters in Naples, FL, they spent playing golf and going to the beach. Summers often found him at their camp on Fourth Lake in Old Forge.

He was predeceased by his wife, Hilda; his son, Richard Brady Legro; his daughter, Sissy Rockwell; and his brother, Robert W. Legro.

Besides his wife Barbara, whom he married in 1999, he is survived by his two loved and cherished grandsons, Rusty Rockwell and Justin Rockwell; and their father, Paul Rockwell, all of New Hartford, NY. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, John and Bonnie Timson, Steve and Sherrie Round, Dr. Jeffrey and Janet Legro and Dr. Richard and Mimi Legro.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Wednesday, June 29, at 10:00 a.m., at Grace Episcopal Church, 6 Elizabeth Street, on the corner of Genesee Street, Utica, NY. The family will receive friends at a cocktail hour, in honor of Dick and in recognition that he loved the social aspect of life, and luncheon, immediately following the service at the Yahnundasis Golf Club. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dick's memory, may be made to "The Sissy's Kids Fund", a donor-advised fund of The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc., 2608 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13502 or the Alzheimer's Association - Share online condolences at www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com