



## Richard Proper

October 14, 1926 - December 2, 2011

Richard H. "Dick" Proper passed away on December the 2nd at the Whipple Veterans Hospital at the age of 85. A long time Prescott resident, Dick was born in Erie, PA on Oct 14th, 1926, the son of Henry Ward and Martha Manning Proper. He served in the US Atlantic Fleet during WWII on Patrol Craft 484. Dick and his wife Leona moved to Prescott in 1951 where he worked for the Department of Economic Security for 30 years. They raised three boys, Rod, Jeff, and Andy, who all graduated from Prescott High School. The entire family was active in Prescott area 4-H clubs and Arizona Junior Rodeo Association rodeos. Dick was a lifetime member of The American Legion, Veteran's of Foreign Wars and the Sons of the American Revolution. He served in several leadership positions in all three organizations, including serving as Commander of the Ernest Love Post 6 of The American Legion in 1974-75 and the Northern Arizona District 8 Commander. He was the founding President of the Prescott Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. During his lifetime Dick was an active participant in thoroughbred horse racing at Prescott Downs, where he was the owner of several race horses. A small boat sailor and glider enthusiast, Dick could be seen on local area lakes and in the skies over Prescott Valley. Dick is survived by wife Leona, brother Lee, three sons Rod, Jeff, and Andy, six grandchildren Leonie, Reuben, Chris, Jenny, Henry and Maddye, and six great grandchildren. Memorial services will be held Wed Dec 7th at the Prescott United Methodist Church, 505 W. Gurley St., at 11:00 am, followed by

graveside services at the Odd Fellow's cemetery and a reception at the American Legion Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Legion/Auxiliary, 202 S. Pleasant St., Prescott, AZ 86303 or the People Who Care, P.O. Box 12977, Prescott, AZ 86304.

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ I had the pleasure of driving Dick to the Pendleton Center every week for about two years and I loved every visit. We had a great time chatting and I loved to hear stories of his adventures and many interests.

*I will really miss him.*

*Leona, you are in my thoughts and I will be checking in with you to see how I can help you through this difficult time.*

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**Loraine Bower** - December 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ May your husband be with you always in

*your heart and may we always remember*

*the love and joy he has brought.*

*I love you*

*Robert and Sherry Hall*

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**Sherry Hall** - December 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Leona I will miss Richard ( Dick) He was a very outstanding person and he will truly be missed by me. Love you Hold on to God's unchanging hand.He used talk to me about building shelves in your home. I know they are very nice. I am sorry I could not make the services. But I am keeping you and your family in Prayer. God Bless You and Your Family.

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**paula burgess** - December 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I have a lot of fond memories of staying at their house as a kid. Me, Jeff and Andy got into trouble a few times too but that just adds to the memories. I havent seen them in many years but will always remember the kindness they showed me.

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**Paul Meyers** - December 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers while going through this tough time. If there is anything we can do for you or your family please don't hesitate to ask. Love you! Debbie Collins

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**Debbie & Larry Collins** - December 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Dearest Leona and Family:  
Owen and I want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time. Needless to say we will miss Dick. He was a wonderful person and dedicated to his family and our organization. Our Legion "family" will certainly miss him. He was a great mentor to others.

*I regret that I cannot be there for you but Mother Nature has left us with almost 2-3 feet of snow here in Alpine with more predicted the end of the week and driving through the mountains could be rough. We will be with you in our prayer.*

*With all our loveto you and your family , Joyce & Owen*

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**Joyce & Owen Arent** - December 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Thinking of you with the deepest sympathy

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**Audrey & Ed Steffan** - December 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ As Cancellor of the SAR Prescott Chapter I salute Dick Proper for his many years of earlier service to our Chapter. While we have not seen him at our meetings in recent years, we nevertheless have kept him in our minds and appreciate all this he did as an original founder of our Chapter and Past President. We are are very pleased that his brother Lee recently joined our Chapter and hope to see him often.

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**John K. Thorne** - December 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM