

Richard Henry Cornick, son of the late William and Beatrice Cornick, was born on April 22, 1926. As a youngster growing up in Brooklyn he enjoyed being a Boy Scout and loved to march in all of their parades as a drummer. Music and reading were quickly two of his life long passions. Richard received his high school diploma from Alexander Hamilton - Eastern District. As a young man Richard was a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Brooklyn. He joined the Congregational Church of South Hempstead in June 1996 and he was an active parishioner as long as he was physically able. He felt honored to serve.

On August 25, 1943 he entered the USMCR - 24th Special Battalion, serving in the Pacific Ocean theatre, World War II. He earned an Honorable discharge from the Navy on April 25, 1946. Richard then attended City College of New York for 2 years.

Richard (more affectionately known as Poppy), a lifelong member of the 369th Veterans Association, and a member of the New York Metro Chapter of Montford Point Marine Association - a group of "Men of Color" who endured the rigors of Marine Corps Boot Camp at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina during World War II. He served in several capacities including, President, Vice President of Annual Event and Journal Chairman. Clearly, his Patriotism was unshakable!

Richard worked for the New York Transit Authority until February 1954 which is when he joined the New York City Police Department. He retired from N.Y.P.D. in June of 1975, and became a Plain Clothes Detective for Roosevelt Race Track until it closed on June 1988. Richard had an extraordinary work ethic. He also worked for Henry Holly, and J.H Calo, respectively.

"Poppy" met the former Joann Thornton and they married in December 1981. He is survived by his devoted wife Joann of 30 years, his beloved sister Muriel Goldsholl of Middletown, N.Y., Children, Grandchildren, one Great-Granddaughter, cousins, a loving and adoring extended family and several friends.