

## Richard I. Victorino

Born: October 11, 1921  
Hometown: Morgan Hill, CA  
Class: 1944  
Service: Merchant Marine  
Position / Rank: Second Mate  
Date / Place of death: November 7, 1945 / Near Los Banos, CA  
Date / Place of burial: November 1945 / Santa Clara Mission Cemetery, Santa Clara, CA  
Age: 24



Richard Victorino, a 1944 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, was accidentally shot in the stomach at the “Duck Club”, seven miles northwest of Los Banos, CA on November 7, 1945. He was declared dead at 1225 that day.

After his appointment as Midshipman, USNR on October 12, 1942 Richard sailed as Deck Cadet aboard the *SS Benjamin Curtis* in 1942 and 1943. Crew lists indicate that he signed on aboard the *SS B. F. Irvine* as Second Mate on February 11, 1945 for a voyage to the South Pacific, returning to Seattle on August 9, 1945. He had previously served as Third Mate and Junior Third Mate aboard the *SS Robin Wentley* in 1944 on voyages to the South Pacific, including Saipan, Eniwetok Atoll and Pearl Harbor, HI.



**Memorial at Santa Clara Mission Cemetery**

Based on his merchant marine service, at the time of his death Richard I. Victorino had earned the Pacific War Zone Bar, the Victory Medal and Presidential Testimonial Letter.

Richard Victorino was married to Dorothy Victorino at the time of his death. He was the oldest of John I. Victorino and Mary Bettencourt Victorino's two sons. His younger brother was named John. According to the 1930 and 1940 U.S. Census, Richard's father was a dairyman at a dairy farm outside of Gilroy, CA.