



Richard Rash

October 5, 1936 - July 25, 2022

A dear and faithful servant has been called home.

Richard Joe Rash was called to his Heavenly Home, after a very brief illness, at the age of 86, on Monday, July 25, 2022, in Tyler, Texas. He was born on October 5, 1936, in Eureka, Texas, to Emmett E. Rash and Georgia Belle Land Rash. Richard was one of eight siblings raised on the family farm in Eureka. He attended Mildred schools. Richard grew up in and accepted the Lord as his Savior at Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Mildred. In 1952 Richard met his soul mate Joyce Walker in Corsicana. After his father's passing in 1953, Richard, his mom, younger brother, and grandmother moved from the farm into Corsicana. At midnight on January 1, 1956, Richard and Joyce were married by Bro. Bob Cheek in the parsonage of Northside Baptist Church, with friends Bill and Peggy Chandler in attendance. This past January they celebrated 66 years of marriage. During their marriage they have never had a fight or disagreement. They have let the Lord lead their life together. Richard and Joyce were Blessed with 2 sons, Ricky Dan and Mark Alan.

Richard was raised with a strong work ethic. Growing up he worked on the family farm, picking cotton, tending to livestock, gardening, or working in the fields. After his father's passing Richard went to work at General Motors in Arlington and then Adams Hats to help support the family. During this time Richard and Joyce were living in Wilmer, Texas. After learning that Joyce was

expecting their first child they moved back to Corsicana. After Rick was born, Richard, with the help of Joyce's grandfather, Ed Swink and father-in-law, Russell Walker, built their first home in Corsicana. Shortly after Chattanooga Glass opened in Corsicana Richard went to work there. He worked at Chattanooga for many years. During that time, he served in several positions in the Union to help make the Glass Plant a great place to work. In 1971, Richard built a new home for his family in Mildred. Richard retired from Chattanooga Glass in 1979 and started Richard Rash Sand and Gravel. He and Joyce owned and operated the business until 2002 when he retired for the second time, for about 3 months. While Richard owned the gravel business, he was instrumental in the foundation work for many homes, driveways, schools, athletic fields, and Churches throughout Navarro County and the surrounding counties. He continually took interest and pride to see how the fields and other places that he had worked on were holding up. After moving to Mildred, Richard, Joyce, and the boys moved their Church membership to Mildred Baptist Church where he was ordained as a Deacon and continued to serve until after COVID hit in 2020. After selling the business in 2002, Richard started doing contracting for the construction of homes for people. He helped do this for many families in Navarro County. During this time, he built another home for him and Joyce, overlooking the pond he had built on his land. In 2018, he built his grandson, Jon and his family a home on the place and then in 2019 he built his son Rick and daughter-in-law Rose their home on the land. He was getting ready to build Mark and Homer a home when COVID hit. For most of his life Richard worked the family farm and then his own land raising cattle, crops, and bountiful gardens. Richard was always sharing the produce from his gardens with friends and family. Mom said she thought he raised the garden just so he could give things to others. For most of the last 15 years the kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd. grade students from Mildred Elem. would come to the farm in the Spring and Dad would show them all the garden and tell them how to plant the seeds or plants. He would pull one of the potato plants and show them how and where

the potatoes grew. Then he would show them his fish and let them see the fish come get the food. He was always trying to teach the younger ones. Education and life skills were very important to Richard. For many years Richard has supported the students and athletes of Mildred ISD.

In the fall of 2020 Richard and Joyce began attending First Baptist Church Kerens. Here too, Richard served as he could.

Throughout his life, his friendships were very important to Richard. He and Joyce have had a great many fun adventures with friends. For years there was a group of them that went to calf roping events and rodeos. Another group made trips to New Braunfels where Richard loved to float the river. Then later, there was a special group that became the "Bus Gang." This group of friends became family and consisted of Cliff and Leona Tew, Buddy and Kay Smith, Jerry and Kristi Nelson, and Willie and Alibeth Hodge. This group took many trips together and would gather in one another's homes every weekend to eat, play games, and share good times. Even though they were unable to meet as much after COVID hit, they have remained very close.

Richard was a very special man. He served the Lord his entire life. He graciously gave to others. Many people have enjoyed his hospitality in their home or at their place. For more than 40 years Richard and Joyce have been hosted fish fries, Sunrise breakfasts, ice cream suppers, and other events for Church groups, family gatherings and friends. Richard was a mentor to many young men.

Richard was a Master Mason and over a 55-year member of the Eureka Masonic Lodge where he held many offices. He followed in the footsteps of his great grandfather, grandfather, and father. His grandsons are now serving in the Masons.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents Emmett and Georgia. His in-laws, Russell and Lorene Walker, his step mother-in-law Charlotte Walker, His brothers; B.B. (Buddy) Rash and wife Marybelle, C.G. (Charlie) Rash, and Curtis Rash. His brother-in-law Gene Walker and wife Joy, his brother-in-law Eddie Walker, and step brother-in-law Wimp Childress. His sisters, Vermell, Marie Daniels and husband Dwayne, Christine Miller and husband Cecil, Volu Slate and husband Charles.

Left to cherish his memories are his loving wife Joyce, his son Rick and wife Rose, His son Mark and partner Homer. His grandsons Jon Rash (Trina), Jacob Rash (Emily) and Joe Rash (Jessica). His great-grandsons Jackson, Stone, Noah, Hudson Williams, and Eli. His great-granddaughter Wrenley. Richard is also survived by his special granddaughter Roseanna Williams. Richard is survived by many nieces and nephews and very special friends.

Visitation will be held Saturday, July 30th in the evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home.

A going home celebration will be held Sunday, July 31st at 2:00 PM at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home with Rev. Danny Bidy, Rev. Tony Neal, and Rev. Danny Sanderford. Burial will be at Hamilton Beamon Cemetery in Retreat.

Pallbearers are Kim Miller, Gary Miller, Jimmy Rash, Billy Neal Rash, Scott Walker, Keith Walker, Greg Fisher, Cody Williams, and Gene Rash.

Honorary Pallbearers: Van Bottoms, Jarod Bottoms, Jason Bottoms, Mack Hill, Donald Montgomery, Gary Roper, Rafford Stewart, Randal Arnett, Buddy Smith, Cliff Tew, and Jerry Nelson.

SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/76744>

Cemetery Details

Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Celebration of Life

JUL 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Officiating will be Bro. Tony Neal and Bro. Danny Bidy at the chapel and Bro. Danny Sanderford will conduct the graveside with Masonic Rites performed.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Rash*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Mrs. Rash and family,*

We were very sorry to read of Richard's passing.

[May] the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ... guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ___Phillippians 4:7

*Guy and Ailsa (Flynn) Anderson
{Margie and Charlie's daughter;
Juanita and John's cousin}*

A - August 01, 2022 at 03:12 AM



“ *Joyce, I am so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. Prayers for comfort.*

Cathy Miller - July 30, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Rash.*



July 30, 2022 at 05:58 PM

PT

“ *Phyllis Tidwell lit a candle in memory of Richard Rash*



Phyllis Tidwell - July 30, 2022 at 05:28 PM

JR

“ *Richard was a very gentle soul who was always willing to lend a hand. He was an avid supporter of the Mildred school district and their sports. You could always find him and Joyce at the Football games where he shared his love for the game. His doors were always open and he always welcome Ed you to come fish! In fact Joey still can't get Over that he lost one of his best rod and reels and it's still at the bottom of his tank. Richard we will miss you and until we meet again in heaven we all love you! Joey, Sheila and Chesney Richards*

Joey and Sheila richards - July 30, 2022 at 01:23 PM

BN

“ *Brian and Kim Nelson purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Richard Rash.*



Brian and Kim Nelson - July 30, 2022 at 11:02 AM

DC

“ *So sorry to learn of Richards passing. Such a nice, caring man. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.*

Dwight & Pat Cherry - July 29, 2022 at 10:38 PM

SP

“ Love and prayers from Genevie Coker Paul

Susan Paul - July 29, 2022 at 11:50 AM

JG

“ James & Ashley Grigar purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard Rash.



James & Ashley Grigar - July 29, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Richard Rash.



July 29, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Richard Rash.



July 29, 2022 at 10:09 AM

PV

“ *To the Rash family. So sorry for your loss. Richard was a wonderful man. You all are in my prayers.* ”



Peggy Vaughan - July 29, 2022 at 08:33 AM

CA

“ *Cordelia Albritton lit a candle in memory of Richard Rash* ”



Cordelia Albritton - July 29, 2022 at 12:10 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Richard Rash.* ”



July 28, 2022 at 06:10 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard Rash.* ”



July 28, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Rash.



July 28, 2022 at 02:15 PM



“ Cheryl Minatra lit a candle in memory of Richard Rash



Cheryl Minatra - July 28, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ David,Liz,Nicole,Waylon Schultz and Charlotte Caufield



Elizabeth A Schultz - July 27, 2022 at 07:35 PM

BN

“ My parents are members of the "Bus Gang".....so Richard and Joyce are good friends of theirs, and we have known them a long time. I've caught some nice catfish at their place and stayed out there one time and shot water moccasins. I always like Richard. He was a good guy. I can't always quote the Bible verbatim, but I know that God depicts in there somewhere that "if you have at least one true friend in your life, you have been blessed." Thanks Richard (and Joyce) for being a blessing for my folks, and me too, and many others as well !



Brian Nelson - July 27, 2022 at 02:37 PM

EJ

To Joyce, Ricky, Mark and all the Rash family, My deepest sympathy for your loss. I grew up across the street from them in Corsicana and have several fond memories. Even after you moved to Mildred I would see Richard and Joyce somewhere and make it a point to catch them and say hello. A beautiful and wonderful family! Richard was always someone to look up to. He will be sorely missed but I know he is in a far better place. Love and prayers for the entire family!

Earl Alexander, Jr - July 29, 2022 at 09:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Rash.



July 27, 2022 at 01:42 PM

PF

“ Richard brought joy to my heart every time that I saw him. ❤️ He will be missed in all areas of our community. He touched lives whether young or old. Thank you for sharing him with us! We lift you up in our prayers especially Joyce and send hugs your way. May he Rest In Peace.

Pamela Thomas and the Thomas Family - July 27, 2022 at 09:17 AM

CA

“ Cordelia Albritton lit a candle in memory of Richard Rash



Cordelia Albritton - July 27, 2022 at 01:57 AM

LH

“ RICHARD WILL JOIN LLOYD LAND IN HEAVEN..PAPA LOVED RICHARD AS IF HIS OWN SON..R.I.P AND MAY GOD SPREAD HIS BIG LOVING ARMS AROUND JOYCE AND CARRY HER THROUGH THESE MOMENTS..



LA RUE MOORE HILL - July 26, 2022 at 11:04 PM

DP

“ David L Powell lit a candle in memory of Richard Rash



David L Powell - July 26, 2022 at 11:04 PM

SD

“ Richard and Joyce were one of the first couples I came to love after becoming a Mildred Baptist Church member in the mid 70's. So many memories of them, especially the awesome catfish dinners at their place! Stan and I send our thoughts and prayers to this beautiful family.

Sherilyn Dugan - July 26, 2022 at 08:34 PM

CA

Thanks Richard and Joyce for making Jim and I feel at home at Mildred. Richard you will certainly be missed — all your caring way. Lifting up family in prayer. Love Claudia and Jim Allen

claudia Jim Allen - July 27, 2022 at 08:12 PM

WB

“ So many precious memories of Richard and Joyce. Trips together and fun times. Richard you will be missed by tons of people

Walter and Gkenda Boyd - July 26, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Rash.



July 26, 2022 at 07:56 PM

MS

“ Richard was a blessing to my life as I began ministry! May his family know how much I love and respect them. Enjoy heaven, Richard!

Marcus Sheffield - July 26, 2022 at 06:04 PM

VH

“ Richard was one of the kindest and most giving man you could ever meet. He always treated us like family. Joyce and family you are in our prayers. We love you all. Ken and Vonda



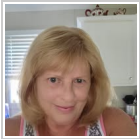
Vonda Howard - July 26, 2022 at 05:59 PM

LH

“ Lisa, Larry & Rachel Hoppe lit a candle in memory of Richard Rash



Lisa, Larry & Rachel Hoppe - July 26, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ Richard was a kind Godly man who will be greatly missed. He touched the lives of so many people. Until we meet again in Glory.

Debra Raines - July 26, 2022 at 04:52 PM

BH

“ Becky Haynie lit a candle in memory of Richard Rash



Becky Haynie - July 26, 2022 at 03:51 PM

JW

“ *Heaven gained a great man!*



Julie Waller - July 26, 2022 at 03:25 PM

HO

“ *Hugh Owen lit a candle in memory of Richard Rash*



Hugh Owen - July 26, 2022 at 02:29 PM

LS

“ *Lisa Scruggs lit a candle in memory of Richard Rash*



Lisa Scruggs - July 26, 2022 at 01:43 PM

JA

“ *i can remember walking in the doors if Mildred Baptist Church for the first time and getting that handshake from Mr rash and just talking about life. weather is about my mom and she was still alive or my grandparents that love him so well as I have. I also going to his beautiful property and having all those fish fries so many great memories memories.*

Josh Adams - July 26, 2022 at 12:34 AM

CM

“ *Christie Mayer lit a candle in memory of
Richard Rash*



Christie Mayer - July 25, 2022 at 07:19 PM