



Richard Lewis Bailey

December 13, 1951 - June 3, 2024

Greenville, SC – Richard “Dick” Lewis Bailey, 72, arrived in Heaven on June 3, 2024. Richard was the son of the late Charles and Nelma Bailey and the loving husband of 40 years to Chrystal Rose Bailey.

Born in Huntington, West Virginia, Richard was one of three children in a military family. He graduated from Charleston High School in 1970, where he was a member of the track and wrestling team with one of his most notable wrestling wins being a State Championship match against a rival school. Oftentimes, he would find himself in the right place at the right time leading to remarkable events like stopping a crime in progress as a newspaper boy, or saving a stranger’s life at a desperate time. After high school, Richard served his country in the United States Navy for 6 years. He was so proud of his service in the Navy, serving along with his father and brother.

Richard has always been a hard worker and a man of many interests. He was a millwright for over 30 years and was known to fix just about anything. To know Richard, was to know his love for history, all things Ancient Egypt, military, books, antiques, nature, photography, and his favorite football team Marshall. These things brought him an immense amount of joy and he wanted nothing more than to share that joy with those around him. He was so talented, intelligent, and never met a stranger. Richard lived a full life of love and adventure; despite the health issues he encountered along the way. He was very tough but tenderhearted and will be greatly missed. Richard will live on in memories for years to come.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Samuel Bailey and Johnathan Bailey (Abby); his sister, Deborah Rada (Dr. Alan Rada); his nieces and nephews, Jennifer Herrald (Billy), Alex Rada, Kelley Snyder (Jimmy), Kate Runy (Mike), and Scott Bailey (Karen); his sister-in-law, Darlene Bailey; along with many other loved family and friends; and his beloved pets, Buddy, Molly, Ziggy, and Pebbles.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Dr. Charles Stephen "Steve" Bailey, and his niece, Tracey Bailey.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, June 8, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Living Waters Funeral Home & Crematory; 529 Spartanburg Hwy S. Lyman, SC 29365. A Celebration of Life will begin at 2:00 PM.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

JUN 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory
529 Spartanburg Hwy. S.
P.O. Box 758
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

CE

“ Charles & Beth Barber (Hitachi employee) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lewis Bailey.

Charles & Beth Barber (Hitachi employee) - June 07, 2024 at 05:33 PM

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“ Charles & Beth Barber (Hitachi employee) purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Richard Lewis Bailey.



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SL

“ Southern First Bank--Verdae Lobby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lewis Bailey.

Southern First Bank--Verdae Lobby - June 06, 2024 at 01:12 PM



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



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YC

“ *Your friends at CenterWell purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Richard Lewis Bailey.*



Your friends at CenterWell - June 06, 2024 at 12:11 PM

TC

“ *The Brown family, Sheila, Marsha, Tommy & Kelly, Karen & Milton, & Charlie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Lewis Bailey.*



The Brown family, Sheila, Marsha, Tommy & Kelly, Karen & Milton, & Charlie - June 06, 2024 at 10:06 AM

IW

“ *Dear Chrystal,
I never met Richard but I know how much you loved him. I am holding you and your family in my prayers.*

Irene Woods - June 06, 2024 at 01:42 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Lewis Bailey.*



June 06, 2024 at 01:33 AM

NE

“ *My Sympathy to You, Chrystal and Family. Nancy Ellis*

Nancy Ellis - June 05, 2024 at 10:12 PM

CR

“ *Dear Chrystal and Family,
I am so sorry to hear about Richard's passing and completely shocked when I saw the post on Facebook. I remember Richard's love for history, King Tut and the Titanic; and Most of all, his collection of National Geographic magazines. Although we only met once decades ago (at Charles and Nelma's house when Samuel was a baby), my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Cathy Hamric Rhoades - June 05, 2024 at 09:36 PM

JG

“ *Richard was amazing but I still know him as Dickie. He was my beloved cousin and we were the same age, so growing up we had a lot of adventures in our Grandma Fergusons backyard. My heart is broken, my love and prayers go out to Chrystal and their sons. RIP my sweet Dickie 🙏🙏*

Judy Gambill - June 05, 2024 at 07:59 PM

GM

“ *Dear Crystal, I will be lifting you and your family up during these difficult times with all of my love,prayers, and support. The world along with me will miss him dearly! He was one of my favorite people.*

Gary Mathis - June 05, 2024 at 06:52 PM