



Ronald Lee Richards

November 2, 1942 - January 25, 2026

Ronald Lee Richards, 83, of Louisiana, Missouri, passed away on January 25th, 2026. He was born November 2nd, 1942, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Garrald L. and Helen Louise (Trawick) Richards. He was born the oldest of 3 sons. After his birth, he and his mother moved back to Belleview, Illinois where his father was from. He made several trips in his youth between there and back to North Carolina, where his mother was from. He graduated from Pleasant Hill High School in 1960, then attended Western Illinois University, where he majored in physical education. His college career was cut short due to his desire to join the US Army during the Vietnam War era. His education allowed him the opportunity to advance into the Officer Candidate School. Through his training and war time experience, he was awarded the rank of Captain. This rank also became his nickname for the remainder of his life. From there, he completed the highly skilled achievement of Green Beret.

Ron's most valued skill, however, came after the Army, when he realized he loved to sing and was well known for it. He was the lead singer of many bands over the years and kept his love of music going until the end. When he wasn't singing, he made his living in carpentry and construction work.

Ron was preceded in death by both parents, and his brother James (Jim). He and his wife Amy (Jones), of Louisiana, MO, were married October 22, 2020 and she survives. He is also survived by his son, Joshua (Heather) Richards of Milton, IL, and their 2 sons, Jonah and Asher. Other grandchildren that survive are Eathon (Malerie) Johnson of Osceola, Arkansas, and Paiton (Stanley) Stankiewicz, of Nebo, IL, one Brother, Donald (Pat) Richards of Louisiana, MO, and a number of nieces/nephews also survive.

Ron took great pride in his military experience, his family, and especially his grandsons sporting events and accomplishments. He will be remembered for his quick wit and unmatched sense of humor.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO will be handling the arrangements.

The family will hold a Celebration of Life from 3:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 21st at the 4th Street Event Center in Louisiana, MO.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **21**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

4th Street Event Center
121 N. 4th St.
Louisiana, MO 63353

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Richards.*



February 16 at 09:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald Lee Richards.

February 16 at 09:30 AM



“ *The Lilleys lit a candle in memory of Ronald Lee Richards*



The Lilleys - February 04 at 04:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Richards.*



January 28 at 06:29 PM

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“ *Very sorry for your loss* ”



Margaret Tadlock - January 28 at 12:39 PM

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Sorry for your family's loss

Sammy meyers - January 28 at 03:26 PM