



Mike "Papa Mike" Richardson

January 28, 1948 - February 11, 2022

Conway, SC

Mr. Michael Benjamin Richardson Sr., beloved father and grandfather, passed away Friday, February 11, 2022 in Conway, SC. He was 74 years young.

Michael "Mike" was born in Mullins, SC, son of the late Franklin Benjamin Richardson and the late Dorothy Louise Daniels Richardson. He was a United States Navy veteran during the Vietnam era, where he traveled overseas while serving his country. After his time spent serving in the Navy, he returned to Conway and spent the remainder of his career with Santee Cooper at the Grainger Generating Station, before retiring. Mike loved working out in his shop, spending time with his family, and fishing in the Inlet. He passed his love of classic cars and drag racing to his sons and grandchildren. "Pop" or "Papa Mike" is what his family called him and everyone else just called him a friend. There was not a thing he could not find a way to fix; whether it was a car or a bump in life, he always had a way of making you feel like everything was going to be okay, and his gift to do so, blessed us all, and will be deeply missed.

In addition to his parents Mike was predeceased by his brothers, Donald Frank Richardson and William Jesse Richardson. Survivors include his two sons, Michael Benjamin Richardson, II and his wife Cara Leigh of Conway

and Travis Franklin Richardson and his wife Nicole of Raleigh, NC, and their mother, Sherrell Causey Richardson of Conway; his grandsons, Gabriel Quinn Richardson of Raleigh, NC and Michael Benjamin Richardson, III of Conway, SC; his granddaughters, Evan Brenleigh Richardson of Conway, SC, Olivia Claire Richardson of Raleigh, NC, and Erica Danielle Hoskins of Raleigh, NC.

Funeral services, with military honors, will be held at 3:00 PM Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at the Open Air Chapel at Hillcrest Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Rodney Norris. The family will receive friends at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

Memorial donations may be made to the Horry County Animal Shelter, 1923 Industrial Park Road, Conway, SC 29526.

Please sign the online guest register at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526

Funeral Service

FEB **16**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526

Interment

FEB **16**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Trav, Ben and Sherrell, I am sorry to hear about Mike. I will always remember him as very patient with us kids and one of the coolest Dads!*

Cavin Martin

Cavin Martin - February 16, 2022 at 07:28 PM

LV

“ *My heart breaks for your loss. Mike was one of a kind, but you guys know that. He will be greatly missed by so many people. To you and all the family remember he will always be with you all in your hearts. One thing you can believe is that he loved his family. He was a great friend to so many people. I have a lot of memories with this sweet guy. May God be with you all for comfort and strength. Rest in peace Mike until we meet again.*

Linda Moore Venable - February 16, 2022 at 06:49 AM

JH

“ *Jodie Hucks lit a candle in memory of Mike "Papa Mike" Richardson*



Jodie Hucks - February 15, 2022 at 07:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mike "Papa Mike" Richardson.*



February 15, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ *John&Anne Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mike "Papa Mike" Richardson*



John&Anne Stewart - February 15, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mike "Papa Mike" Richardson.*



February 15, 2022 at 08:45 AM

RT

“ Sherrill, Ben & Travis I wanted to take a minute to let you know what a great guy your dad was. We went to school together then we each went into the service after school. After our enlistments were up we each came back to Conway and the friend ship was as strong as ever. We have all had some really good times together in the past but unfortunately life ended up taking us in different directions but I still considered him a friend. I am sorry for your loss & you all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Robert E Thompkins

Robert E Thompkins - February 14, 2022 at 10:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mike "Papa Mike" Richardson.



February 14, 2022 at 09:23 PM

IP

“ *Sherrill I'm so sorry to hear about Mike. Prayers for you and the family!*

irene Patrick - February 14, 2022 at 08:27 PM

SE

“ *So sorry to hear about Mike, Praying for his family.*

Sandra Evans - February 14, 2022 at 05:37 PM

EJ

“ Edward Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mike
"Papa Mike" Richardson



Edward Jordan - February 14, 2022 at 04:08 PM

ES

“ So sorry Ben and other family. God be with you through this difficult
time. Prayers your way. Esther Altman Smith

Esther Altman Smith - February 14, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the
family of Mike "Papa Mike" Richardson.



February 14, 2022 at 01:07 PM

KG

“ Kay Graham lit a candle in memory of Mike
"Papa Mike" Richardson



Kay Graham - February 14, 2022 at 01:05 PM

TF

“ We, the Edmondson family have known Michael and his family for a long time! Way back when he was a young boy! We know his parents and his siblings! We fished with his parents. We watched as The Richardson boys grew and married and then moved close to us to be our neighbors! We all go back a long way! Our children and Michael’s children became close! We’ve been thru a lot together! It’s not easy when a friend and neighbor leaves us! Seems they should always be right there beside us forever! Even though in the past few years we did not see each other that often, but we always knew they were near and there if we needed them! It’s wonderful that Mike now has gone to heaven and in Paradise! We still miss you down here. Always will. But know you are with our God and in a better place! We love you Michelle Richardson! For ever and Ever! Amen!

The Edmondson Family - February 14, 2022 at 12:24 PM

TF

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The Edmondson Family - February 14, 2022 at 12:31 PM

RR

“ Ready Roofing purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mike "Papa Mike" Richardson.



Ready Roofing - February 14, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ *Paul-Nora Sanders lit a candle in memory of
Mike "Papa Mike" Richardson*



Paul-Nora Sanders - February 14, 2022 at 08:02 AM