



## Richard Ashley Black Sr.

January 4, 1949 - January 3, 2017

Loris... Richard Ashley Black, Sr., age 67, passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at his home. His ten year battle with Multiple System Atrophy is over. The victory is won.

Mr. Black was born in Clemson, a son of the late John B. "Jake" and Fannie Mae Ashley Black. He was a graduate of Clemson University, Class of 1971 where he was a proud member of the Kappa Alpha (KA) Fraternity. Mr. Black served in the US Army Reserves during the Vietnam Era and was honorably discharged as Captain. He was Past President of the Myrtle Beach High School Booster Club, Past President of the Grand Strand Sertoma Club, and Past Director of the Loris Omar Shriners. Mr. Black was a member of the Loris Masonic Lodge #205 AFM and was an Insurance Broker for over 35 years. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his father-in-law, Boyd W. Sanders, Sr.; and brother-in-law, Boyd W. "Buddy" Sanders, Jr.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Mary Jo Sanders Black; two sons, John Boyd Black and his wife, Holly, and Richard Ashley Black II and his wife, Nichole; five grandchildren, Britton Kayla Black, Jacob Walker Black, Caitlyn Ashley Black, Bailey Nichole Black, and Carter Austin Black; one sister, Florence "Flossie" Delle Bonner (Frank) of Shelby, NC; mother-in-law, Mary A. Sanders of Chester, SC; sister-in-law, Betty Dove Sanders of Chester, SC; three nieces, Kelly Sanders Yelvington (John) of Chester, SC, Alison Bonner

Dalton (Kevin) of Charlotte, NC, and Florence Bonner Crawford (Brent) of Fort Myers, FL; and one nephew, Bryan Wayne Sanders of Chester, SC.

Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 6, 2017, at Loris First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 6, 2017, at Loris First Baptist Church with Dr. Louis Venable officiating. Burial will follow in Holly Hill Cemetery with Military Honors and Masonic Rites.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Chuck Mills and to Heartland Hospice for their excellent care.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 West Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605 or Loris First Baptist Church, 3117 Main Street, Loris, SC 29569.

Please sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel is serving the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Holly Hill Cemetery

Holly Hill Road  
Loris, SC 29569

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Loris First Baptist Church  
3117 Main Street  
Loris, SC 29569

## Funeral Service

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Loris First Baptist Church  
3117 Main Street  
Loris, SC 29569

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ *Mary Jo, Flossie, and Family wish we could have been there for you, but all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. We will all cherish the memories of Richard. Love  
Mel and Jeannie Emory (cousin)*

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**Jeannie Emory** - January 07, 2017 at 03:02 PM

SV

“ *Sybelia Vidal lit a candle in memory of Richard Ashley Black Sr.*



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**Sybelia Vidal** - January 06, 2017 at 12:37 PM

TD

“ Richard was a great friend and 'early' real estate partner ('76-'77) ... we had SO MUCH fun riding in the woods with partners Dino Thompson, David Stradinger and Rod Propps as the 'developers' (say WHAT?!!!) of 'The Forest at Briarcliffe' - we were the THEN 'under 30' (Richard & me) "gonna make a bizillion-dollar" boys. Heck, Richard had Mary Jo ... so he was already rich. I'll be a Gamecock 'til the day I go, too - but Clemson friends like Richard and Bart Buie have always reminded me that GREAT ones can come from anywhere. Here's to you, Richard. In your honor - for the 1st time in my life I'm gonna do something I said I would NEVER DO - on Monday night I WILL be pulling for Clemson. You were a bright light for so many of us who were just piddling around in the dark. A regular starburst with a laugh that lit up the room. What a beautiful family you managed to co-author. Fella', your heart was as big as a watermelon ... 'ya done good.

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**Tom Davis** - January 06, 2017 at 12:30 PM

MB

*Tom, I love this tribute. Thank you so much. My best to you and your family. P.S. Thanks for pulling for the TIGERS. I think Richard was their 12th man that night.*

*Mary Jo*

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**Mary Jo Black** - January 25, 2017 at 10:42 AM

CL

“ Carol Landberg lit a candle in memory of Richard Ashley Black Sr.



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**Carol Landberg** - January 06, 2017 at 10:56 AM

CW

“ Clay And Gail Wright lit a candle in memory of Richard Ashley Black Sr.



Clay and Gail Wright - January 06, 2017 at 10:31 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Ashley Black Sr..



January 06, 2017 at 10:30 AM

FP

“ Mary Jo and Family, May God grant you His Peace and give you comfort in this time of change. We will all miss Richard. Your all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love and Comfort. Ron and Frances Pratt (Cousin) and Helen Belue (Aunt).

Frances Pratt - January 06, 2017 at 08:42 AM

DA

“ Darlyn DeLong Adams lit a candle in memory of Richard Ashley Black Sr.



Darlyn DeLong Adams - January 05, 2017 at 10:51 PM

KC

“ *What a wonderful man heaven has gained. Great husband to Mrs Mary Jo, a great father to his sons and grandchildren. Was an HONOR to know know him and call him a friend. Mr Richard was a positive man and would go out of his way to help anyone. I was blessed to have been around Mr Richard to see some of these teachings to make me a better person. Rest easy friend, you will truley be missed by many!*

Kristopher Causey - January 05, 2017 at 06:52 PM

PG

“ *Pam Davis Guthrie lit a candle in memory of Richard Ashley Black Sr.*



Pam Davis Guthrie - January 05, 2017 at 01:58 PM

PG

“ *Wonderful pictures that you all have shared. Bless his heart. I met Richard back in the early 80's after graduating Clemson and our real estate office was beside his on Oak Street. What a great guy - and extremely hilarious and so entertaining. For some strange reason, I thought about him today - even though we haven't seen each other in years and I thought I'd look him up on the internet to see if he was still selling insurance. I was deeply saddened to see this news. My prayers and thoughts are with your entire family at this time. Thought I'd give him a call and talk about the TIGERS going to another National Championship. Guess he will have "front row seats" now - watching it all.*



Pam Davis Guthrie - January 05, 2017 at 01:57 PM

LB

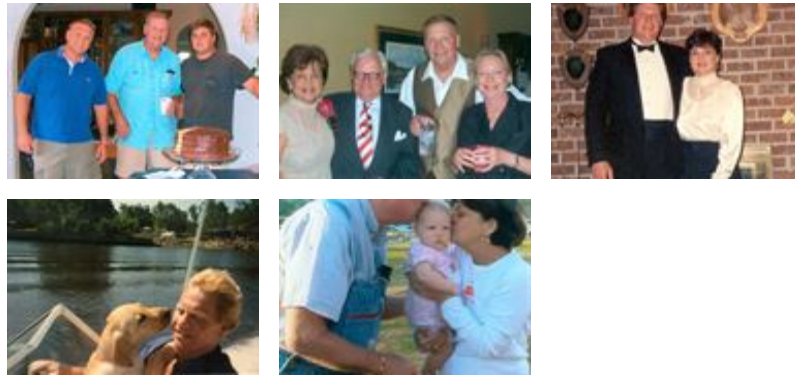
“ *Lynne Berry lit a candle in memory of Richard Ashley Black Sr.*



Lynne Berry - January 05, 2017 at 01:34 PM



“ *55 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - January 05, 2017 at 11:48 AM

AS

“ *Alan & Pam Schulte lit a candle in memory of Richard Ashley Black Sr.*



Alan & Pam Schulte - January 05, 2017 at 11:14 AM

CP

“ *Mary Jo and family -- I was saddened to hear of Richard's passing. He has fought the good fight and has earned his crown in heaven. I pray God will strengthen you and your family for your new journey and give you all His peace and comfort. Sincerely, Carroll Padgett*

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**Carroll Padgett** - January 05, 2017 at 08:35 AM

JL

“ *Judy And John Lawing lit a candle in memory of Richard Ashley Black Sr.*



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**Judy and John Lawing** - January 05, 2017 at 08:34 AM

GF

“ *Greg And Patsy Fowler lit a candle in memory of Richard Ashley Black Sr.*



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**Greg and Patsy Fowler** - January 05, 2017 at 07:54 AM

GF

*So sorry for the loss of your loved one. May God give each of you peace and comfort during this time.*

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**Greg and Patsy Fowler** - January 05, 2017 at 07:56 AM

SB

“*Mary Jo, my condolences to you and the family. I pray God gives you strength that surpasses all understanding during this most difficult time. We truly know that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.*

*Sharon Jackson Beaty & Family*

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**Sharon Beaty** - January 05, 2017 at 07:15 AM

PF

“*My sincere condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one. True comfort comes by drawing close to God (Psalms 83:18) in prayers so He (God) can draw close to you. (James 4:8).*

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**pfl** - January 05, 2017 at 05:18 AM

PF

“*Mary Jo, you and Richard are so much apart of my days in the Forest back in the '80's. We had so many great times, I have never since looked so forward to getting home each day for a golf cart ride and an adult beverage with Richard and Greg Smith. Most memorable was my birthday party and the celebration of "Captian Crunch", or the many nights we spent at Cagneys, and the time Richard walked home. I have always missed those days and I will always miss Richard. Godspeed to you and the boys, forever, Pilo*

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**Powell Fisher** - January 04, 2017 at 11:11 PM

FM

“*Mary Jo and Flossie, I'm so sorry to learn of Richard's death. He was one of the bravest men I've ever known. Love to all. Frances Ann Hopper Mabry*

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**Frances Ann Hopper Mabry** - January 04, 2017 at 09:52 PM

CE

“ *Mary Jo,  
So sorry to learn of Zemi's passing. He was a great guy and always  
fun to be around. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with  
you and your family.*

*Charles Eldridge*

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**Charles Eldridge** - January 04, 2017 at 08:25 PM