

Richard Dale Grice Sr

September 9, 2018

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Richard Dale Grice Sr., 79, went peacefully to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 9, 2018 surrounded by his loving family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, four sisters, three brothers, and his grandson, Jackson DeMarcus Grice.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Betty Jo Kellis Grice, children Kathy Bullock (Alan), Judy Doby (Mickey), Debbie Godwin, Ricky Grice (Jodi); grandchildren Joseph Godwin Jr. (Kelly), Amber Bullock, Jeremy Godwin, Michael Doby (Nicole), Tyler Bullock, Lauren Caton (Chris), Seth Grice, Zach Grice, Scout Grice; great grandson Joseph "LJ" Godwin; brother in law Jerry Kellis (Lynda); aunt Beth Casey (Frank), nieces, nephews and many dear friends that he thought of as family.

Richard was born February 19, 1939 in Charlotte, NC to the late Thomas "TM" and Mable Grice. He graduated from East Mecklenburg High School in 1957 and married his high school sweetheart, Betty Jo. After graduation, he joined the Army and later served in the National Guard.

He spent many years coaching and umpiring for Charlotte Youth Athletic Club (CYAC). He was a member of Masonic Lodge 676 where he held many titles including Master Mason and was a member of the Shrine, most recently serving in the Greeters Unit. He was also a member of Northside Baptist Church while living in Charlotte.

After he retired from Lubromation in 2000, Richard and Betty Jo were able to fulfill their dream of moving to Garden City Beach.

Richard was a loving husband, dad, and paw-paw. He enjoyed spending time with his family, 4th of July cookouts and parades, and watching his kids and grandkids play sports. He also enjoyed working with his hands, helping in the community and working on the building and grounds committee at Garden City Baptist Church where he was a faithful member and served as a deacon. He loved mowing grass with his John Deere, riding his golf cart, watching John Wayne movies, and going on cruises. He was also an avid Duke fan. His favorite restaurants were Bojangles, Captain D's, and Highway 55.

Richard was most thankful for his salvation, his wife Betty Jo who pampered him daily, his children, grandchildren and great grandson.

The family will receive friends from 12 – 2 PM Tuesday, September 25, at Garden City Baptist Church, 501 Pine Avenue, Garden City Beach, SC 29576. The funeral will follow at 2:00 PM.

The graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 27, in Charlotte, NC at Charlotte Memorial Gardens, 7632 Hood Road, Charlotte, NC 28215

Memorials in Richard's honor may be made to Garden City Baptist Church Land Fund or Garden City Baptist Church Building and Grounds Fund, 501 Pine Avenue, Garden City Beach, SC 29576.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Garden City Baptist Church
501 Pine Avenue
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576-8431

Service

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Charlotte Memorial Gardens
7632 Hood Rd
Charlotte, NC 28215-6062
(704) 536-2374

Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Dale Grice Sr*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - September 21, 2018 at 11:22 AM

LS

“ *Love from PA- The Hantz's and The Shaffer's purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard Dale Grice Sr.*



Love from PA- The Hantz's and The Shaffer's - September 26, 2018 at 09:39 AM

LF

“ *Love, The Mlms and Pressley Famlies purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Dale Grice Sr.*



Love, The Mlms and Pressley Famlies - September 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BS

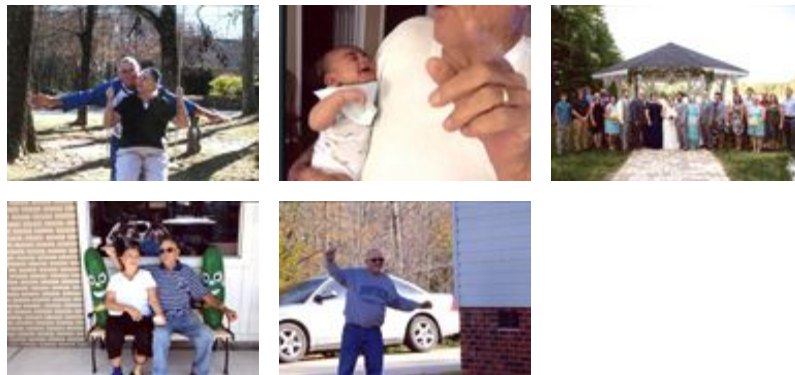
“ Betty Jo and Family, I sure am sorry to hear of Mr. Grice passing away. You two sure are a sweet couple. I always felt like if I was at the beach and needed anyone like family you two would be there. I know you two are very Godly people and we know he is with his Savior now. I sure will miss him cutting my grass. He always did a great job. I hope to come to the beac soon . If I can do anything please let me know. You all have been in my prayers and will be in my continued prayers. Love & Hugs!



Brenda B Stewart - September 22, 2018 at 06:13 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



Goldfinch Funeral Home - September 21, 2018 at 10:19 AM

LF

“ We will always treasure the Sunday afternoons at Awana and watching the team listeners and kids quoting their verses. Love to all the family. Laurie and Steve Ferguson

Laurie and Steve Ferguson - September 13, 2018 at 06:26 PM

 Betsy Burr

“ *The Burr's love you and will miss you deeply Richard. We have enjoyed being your neighbor and the yearly July 4th celebration each year. I know your babies and grand babies will miss you deeply, because they no longer have your Earthly presence with them. Hopefully, in time, they will begin to find comfort in knowing you are at peace with the Lord watching over them and enjoying all of their joyous moments with the best seat in the house. We know Betty Jo is going to miss you greatly in the days, weeks, & years to come, but is blessed to have the many years of memories and know that one day she will be right back beside you in heaven. We love you all and are praying for comfort as you learn to live life very differently in the coming days. Our heart is with you in every sense of the way and the biggest of hugs.*

Betsy Burr - September 13, 2018 at 03:52 PM

ES

“ *Ben and I were so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. He was a special person as is Betty Jo. We enjoyed our years as adopted family members when our children were in Miss Bob's daycare.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you entire family.

Ella Sue Stokes

Ella Sue Stokes - September 13, 2018 at 08:19 AM

CH

“ *The 1956 East Mecklenburg High School class send their sympathy to the family of Richard Grice.*

Celia Hooks - September 12, 2018 at 05:36 PM

WB

“ So sorry to hear about Richard, i'll never forget the good times we had working back in the good old days at Poe Corporation, my thoughts and prayers are with the whole family
Wayne Black

Wayne Black - September 12, 2018 at 12:21 PM

JT

“ Dear Betty Jo, what a shock when Beth called. I've had a special friendship with you and Richard since we first started traveling together on sight-seeing trips. We have a treasure of memories. Some of his family have been longtime members at my church., so I feel I have known both of you forever! He was such a joy on the trips to other states. I'll never forget him. God Bless you like He never has before. I'm already praying for you and the family. Love you so much!
Jeanne Tucker

Jeanne Tucker - September 12, 2018 at 09:52 AM

CF

“ So sorry to hear this...Richard was a beloved classmate in the East Mecklenburg Class of '57....always coming to the reunions...he was loving and caring and lots of fun. He will be greatly missed. Love and sympathy to the whole family. I remember what he wrote in our reunion book last year about falling in love with Betty Jo and vowing to marry her at first sight..a true love story.

Carol Greene Fort - September 11, 2018 at 01:36 PM

RP

“ *Richard was our first deacon at Garden City Baptist Church in January 2016. He and his sweet wife, Betty Jo, took us in like family, loving on us & sharing God's love and the gospel. He will always have a special place in our hearts. Love & prayers, Evans & Rose Price.*

Rose Price - September 10, 2018 at 10:57 PM

SG

i just got the news from my mom , Ive lost a lot of friends over the years but you were a big part of my young life as you coached us guys on the Braves little league team . you were always more than a coach to me . Thanks for your friendship and guidance .I know you will be missed , God bless you and your family , Much Love , Stan Gordon

stan Gordon - September 14, 2018 at 09:07 AM