



Richard Lee Kerr

August 31, 1942 - May 22, 2020

Richard Lee Kerr, 77, passed away May 22, 2020 at his residence in Pawleys Island, SC after a courageous battle with Idiopathy Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF). Born August 31, 1942, Richard was predeceased by his parents Lee S. Kerr and Edith R. Kerr of Knoxville, TN.

Mr. Kerr is survived by his devoted wife Grace Kelley of Pawleys Island, SC. He is also survived by his brother Robert "Bob" (Beverly) Kerr of Alcoa, TN, his son Brad (Stephanie) Kerr of Franklin, TN, daughters Paige Preston (Taylor) of Knoxville, TN and Kelley Grace Kerr of Pawleys Island, SC. He is survived by five grandchildren Chad, Ryan and Alex Preston and Maddie and Jake Kerr.

Richard was a graduate of the University of Tennessee in 1965 with a degree in industrial engineering. He then served in the U.S. Air Force from which he was honorable discharged as a Captain. He was employed by Alcoa for 15 years. He became an executive at International Metals Company (IMCO) in Rockwood, TN, from which he was instrumental in developing the largest aluminum recycling company in the world. He lived in Dallas, TX before retiring to Pawleys Island, SC in 2004. He served 8 years on the Georgetown County School Board.

Richard enjoyed being a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He loved fishing, hunting, playing bridge, supporting UT sports, and watching his daughter, Kelley Grace dance. He enjoyed his lake house in Louisville, TN and the views from his home on the creek in Pawleys Island,

SC.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is serving the family.

Tribute Wall

PC

“ I am saddened to hear of the passing of Dick. My husband, John, and Dick became friends in ROTC at UT and our lives were meshed in several ways during those early UT and Air Force years. Dick was also in our wedding in 1963. I am also amazed to hear that Dick and John died of the same nasty disease. John passed away in 2017. My thoughts go out to his family and I will be praying for peace for you during this difficult time.....Pat Crockett

Pat Crockett - May 30, 2020 at 07:57 PM

SO

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Dick's passing. He was a great mentor in my career with IMCO, and I will forever be grateful to him. I am so very sorry Grace and the entire family. All my love and prayers to you.



Sandra Oberhausen - May 27, 2020 at 09:18 PM

VW

“ We so loved being Richard's neighbor. Our sons enjoyed sharing secrets about fishing on the creek and we enjoyed sharing moments of life in our daily visits in the yard. He always had a smile on his face and a word of wisdom for the concerns of the day. We will miss him! Our hearts and prayers go out for Grace and Kelly Grace.

Van and Rich Weston - May 26, 2020 at 08:03 PM

TM

“ Our deepest sympathies go out to Grace, Kelly Grace and the whole family. The loss of a patriarch is a tragedy to a family but the loss of Richard is a loss to this entire community. We will always remember his infectious smile with a personality to match. Loving thoughts and prayers go out to you in your time of bereavement. Please know we are only a phone call away should you need anything.

With love,
Tim and Sherry McCoy & Family

Tim and Sherry McCoy - May 25, 2020 at 09:37 PM

MM

“ Mrs. Grace, I am so sorry for your families loss. He was such a nice man. Y'all are in my thoughts. Sending love. Madison McCoy



Madison McCoy - May 25, 2020 at 09:22 PM

TP

“ What a sad day to learn of your passing. The memories of being in each other's wedding, going to UT football games and especially fishing on Ft Loudon Lake. We haven;t talked since a reunion in /Pigeon Forge, but those days chasing the bass are still clear as can be. I hope and pray your family can remember all the good days you have shared with each other.

Ted Pearson, Memphis, TN

Ted Pearson - May 25, 2020 at 06:52 PM

KG

“ Grace, Merrily and I are very sorry to hear about Dick. Dick and I grew up in North Hills and graduated from Fulton Highschool. I had not seen him since until you bought the house in Scenic Point. I always enjoyed our discussions about UT sports. I greatly admired his determination to stay after his illness. Merrily and I will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. I

Kenneth George - May 25, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ Grace I'm so sorry to hear of Richard s passing. I am glad I got to meet him and see how much joy he brought to your life. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Carole Carter



Carole Carter - May 25, 2020 at 01:41 PM

RH

“ I was very fortunate to meet Mr. Kerr early in his first year with the GCSD board. I was working with a group of parents attempting to get approval for the only charter school in Georgetown County - Coastal Montessori. Richard was passionate about his work on the school board and always did what was best for all of the children in Georgetown County. He was always there to listen and offer a fair opinion. He will be missed by many. My deepest condolences to his family.

Robert Horvath - May 25, 2020 at 12:47 PM



Cortney
Mitchell

“ *Dear Aunt Grace, please accept our deepest condolences for you and your family. We love you and will keep you all in our prayers.*
Cortney Mitchell

Cortney Mitchell - May 25, 2020 at 11:39 AM

DC

“ *Grace I was so sad to hear of Richard's passing. My thoughts and prayers are for you and your family during the very difficult journey ahead. I have such great memories of when you two met and feel honored to have watched your friendship turn to love and commitment to each other.*

Donna Goodman Connatser - May 25, 2020 at 11:33 AM

AB

“ *Oh Aunt Grace!! I am so so deeply sorry for your loss and the loss to your family. I know how much you loved him and what a special man he was. Our hearts and prayers are with you. I love you so much.*
All my heart,
Ali Bradley

ali bradley - May 25, 2020 at 11:24 AM

AB

“ Our thoughts and prayers for you at this time.

Remembering all of our good times with the TTT Club during football season.

Rest in Peace dear friend

Jim & Angie Beeler

Angela Beeler - May 25, 2020 at 10:08 AM

KD

“ Grace, my heart breaks for you. You and KG are in my prayers. All my love, Kimmie

Kimmie Dieter - May 25, 2020 at 10:06 AM

WU

“ Thanks for your service Airman !!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - May 25, 2020 at 09:44 AM

WJ

"Grace, John and I were so sorry to hear of this. Please know that we are thinking of you at this difficult time. Keeping you and your family in our prayers"
John and Winifred

Winifred Jento - May 26, 2020 at 05:16 PM

AD

Grace, I am keeping you and Kelly Grace in my prayers for peace and comfort after Richard's death.
Mandy Drosieko

Amanda Drosieko - May 28, 2020 at 03:06 PM

BS

Grace, I am so sorry about Richard's passing. I have fond memories of you and Richard dancing to "Deas Guys Band". You are in our prayers.

Bob Seward - May 28, 2020 at 11:03 PM

ID

Richard was a very supportive guiding light for many of us in this community. We are so sorry for him to pass. Our hearts and prayers go out to those he left behind, and most particularly to Grace and KG. A caring spirit, Richard will live on in our memories forever!

Ilka Doubek - May 29, 2020 at 02:05 PM

RS

Grace and KG our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.

Much love, Waltraud and Reinhardt

Reinhardt H Schindler - May 30, 2020 at 11:07 AM