



## Richard W. Sand

July 25, 1947 - November 22, 2025

Richard Wayne Sand, 78, passed away peacefully in faith on Saturday, November 22, 2025 in Myrtle Beach, SC. He was born on July 25, 1947 in Elyria, Ohio to the late Laverne Milton Sand and Bernice Irene Sand.

Along with his parents, Richard is reunited in passing with his wife, Dorothy Sterzanski Sand; his brothers, Calvin, Ronald, and Edwin "Butch" Sand; and his sister, Sheila Leininger.

He is survived by his life partner, Donna Amspaugh, his honorary step children, Cynthia (Lyle) Weldon;

Michele (Bruce) Bradley; Andrew; Todd (Geneva) Amspaugh; his honorary step grandchildren – Parker

Weldon, Brianna (Antonio) Petriella (nee Bradley) and Zoe Weldon. He is also survived by his sister,

Kaaren Sand, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard proudly served his country in the United States Navy and later worked as a salesman for Hajoca

Plumbing and Heating Corporation, Gates Plumbing and Walker McKee all in Ohio. He worked part time

post retirement as Goodwill in Myrtle Beach.

Richard met his life partner, Donna, while both were volunteering for the Special Olympics bowling in

Elyria, Ohio. As they got to know each other, they discovered they had attended St John's Lutheran School in Elyria together during grade school. They moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in 2013.

Richard was a life member of the VFW and an active member of Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church,

where he served faithfully in many capacities. He was Vice President of the Church Council; Property

Manager, a member of the Food Pantry Team, a Stephen Minister, usher, greeter, member of the

Praying Hands group, and active participant of Lutheran Men in Mission.

Richard enjoyed golfing at the

many courses throughout the area, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

There will be a celebration of Rich's life held on December 12, 2025 at 11:00 am at Shepherd of the Sea

Lutheran Church, 2637 US-17 BUS, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's

name may be made to Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran  
2637 HWY 17 Business South  
Garden City, SC 29576  
(843) 651-7377