



## Richard Thomas Johnson

April 3, 1945 - February 22, 2022

Richard Thomas Johnson of Fuquay Varina, NC passed away on February 22, 2022 at his home surrounded by his family. Born April 3, 1945 in Chicago, IL, Richard was preceded in death by his parents Gustave Wendell and Ruth Victoria (Carlson) Johnson, and his brother Wayne Lee Johnson (Colleen Smith). Richard is survived by his wife of 53 years Nancy (Stone) Johnson; his children Meredith Garrett (Chad), Alicia Maynard (Daniel), Christopher (Heather), and Mark (Kristin). Richard is “Poppy” to his grandchildren Payton, Elijah, Parker, Ethan, Makenna, Benjamin, Ashlynn, Jeremiah, and Ian. Richard proudly and bravely served in the United States Marine Corps from 1963-1966 and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. Semper Fi! Richard graduated and received his Bachelor’s degree from NC Wesleyan College. He worked for IBM for 27 years and for UL-DQS for 19 years serving in the field of Quality international safety standards. Richard was an active member of Cary Alliance Church and served in many roles including custodian, Governing Board member, Trustee, Treasurer, and active volunteer wherever help was needed. Richard was a lifelong woodworker having made many memorable pieces that friends and family cherish. He loved and faithfully supported the NC Vietnam Veterans Association and was a member of the NC Patriot Guard. He was passionate about helping young people understand and value the experience and sacrifice of the US Military through regular programs in the local schools. He will be deeply missed. Richard’s memorial and celebration of life will be at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28 at Cary Alliance Church, 4108 Ten Ten Rd, Apex, NC 27539. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service until 2:45 p.m. Reverend Mitchell Gregory will be officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the Cary Alliance Church youth LIFE trip or contributions may be sent in his memory to the NCVVI Scholarship Fund care of Bonnie Kuhr, 7316 Ray Rd Raleigh, NC 27613.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

FEB **28**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Cary Alliance Church  
4108 Ten Ten Road  
Apex, NC 27539

## Celebration of Life

FEB **28**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Cary Alliance Church  
4108 Ten Ten Road  
Apex, NC 27539

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Very sorry to hear about Richard and condolences to his family. I worked with Richard at UL and later with DQS. He and I worked together quite a lot until 2010 when he migrated away from the automotive program. I remember when he was into running and we would do our training runs together. Plenty of great conversations while dodging pot holes in Detroit and avoiding dogs in South Carolina. It was my privilege to know and work with Richard.*

David Alderman - March 02, 2022 at 10:41 AM

CS

“ *What a priviledge it was to know Richard. We had some very memorable stories that go along with us walking in the mornining in Mexico and me getting tidal waved by mud and whatever else was in the water. He never let me forget it. My condolences to the family.*



cindy soltis - February 28, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas Johnson.*



February 28, 2022 at 06:36 AM

TR

“ *Nancy and family. Sorry to hear the passing of Richard. I will never forget his numerous hours and hard work he gave to the Cary High School Band Boosters and the Cary Band Day community for over 10 years. Right beside him was Nancy and all 4 children. He definitely made his world a better place. Thank you Richard for passing my way on our life's journey. Rest In Peace Friend!  
Tony K. Robinson  
Cary Band Director 1987-2000*

Tony Robinson - February 27, 2022 at 05:06 PM

KB

“ Ken Bailey purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Richard Thomas Johnson.



Ken Bailey - February 26, 2022 at 01:36 PM

EK

“ Rich "Swede" was a high school friend ,gym partner and fitness competitor. I missed seeing him at our 50th reunion. I will always remember him as an upbeat and friendly guy as well as fellow Vietnam vet. Ed Klama

Edward Klama - February 26, 2022 at 01:19 PM

BS

“ Buzz Mead and Bette's spirit---Searstone purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Thomas Johnson.



Buzz Mead and Bette's spirit---Searstone - February 26, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas Johnson.



February 25, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas Johnson.



February 25, 2022 at 06:49 PM

NL

“ Although we never met in person I always enjoyed our brief telephone conversations. I could tell that you were a loving and kind father, husband and cousin. I will miss connecting with you. Eternal rest grant them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. 🕊️. God Bless you.  
Nicki Johnson LaPorte

Nicki LaPorte - February 25, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas Johnson.



February 25, 2022 at 03:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas Johnson.



February 25, 2022 at 10:51 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas Johnson.



February 25, 2022 at 10:50 AM

CS

“ We knew Richard and Nancy through Chris and Heather. It was a privilege to know them. Richard was a very kind man with a good sense of humor and a Godly man. His grandchildren loved “Poppy.” We love you guys and are praying for comfort and peace for your family during this difficult time. Jesus and his angels be near! Carrie and Terry Soles

carrie Soles - February 25, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas Johnson.*



February 25, 2022 at 10:24 AM

MH

“ *Dear Nancy and family, we share in your grief as we remember Richard for the loving, godly, and courageous man he was. We will miss his smile, his humor, and his kindness. We are praying that the Lord will wrap His arms around all of you and hold you close as you walk through this valley. We love you. Mike and Carol*

**Mike and Carol Hall** - February 25, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Thomas Johnson.*



February 24, 2022 at 09:01 PM

LG

“ *Nancy and family, I am so sorry for your loss of Richard. I met him for the first time when Chad and Mer Mer had their shower before they got married. Then at the wedding, when we came down for visits. I remember him and how nice he was. I know you will all miss him so much, you do have a lot of great memories, and with Gods love and Grace, things will get easier. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I love you all.*



**Lea Gates** - February 24, 2022 at 07:41 PM

JK

*Dear Nancy and Family, Jerry and I are deeply saddened in our hearts over the recent passing of your husband and the children's father and grandfather! Richard fought a historic battle with cancer and he will be missed by many people whose lives he touched through the years! We thank God for allowing our paths to cross 40 plus years ago! Praying for all of you as you go through the difficult days ahead without him! We rejoice in knowing that Richard is with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! With Deepest Sympathy and Love Jerry and Lynda Kellis*

**Jerry and Lynda Kellis** - February 24, 2022 at 10:18 PM

MH

*Dear Nancy and family, we share in your grief as we remember Richard for the loving, godly, and courageous man he was. We will miss his smile, his humor, and his kindness. We are praying that the Lord will wrap His arms around all of you and hold you close as you walk through this valley. We love you. Mike and Carol*

---

**Mike and Carol Hall** - February 24, 2022 at 10:31 PM

RB

*I am so sorry for the Thomas family I met Marks mom at a fiction we had at Seats tone know Mark loved his family very much my heart goes out to the family Guess Berman*

---

**Rhesa Berman** - February 28, 2022 at 06:27 PM

NS

*Dear Nancy and Family - our dear Lynda Kellis just called to let me know of Richard's passing, and it makes me so sad. You were such a great couple - both loved life and each other dearly. It is so good to remember all the Beta Sigma Phi sisters we have shared through the ears. Would love to see you. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers during these sad days.*

*Nancy Henry Smith*

---

**Nancy Henry Smith** - March 03, 2022 at 08:10 PM