



Richard Allen Helderman

January 13, 1935 - March 28, 2023

Richard Allen Helderman, 88, husband of the late Carolyn Ruth Smith Helderman, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

Born in Spartanburg, SC, he was a son of the late Earl and Avanelle Sprouse Helderman. Richard was a US Army Korean Era Veteran; he was a retired Plumber, Electrician and Carpenter and will always be remembered for his shorts and flip flops. He was a faithful member and Usher of Marietta First Baptist Church.

Surviving is his daughter, Lynn Albright (Ronnie); his son Allen Helderman, Jr.; three grandchildren, Lauren Albright, Matthew Helderman (Lexi) and Cayce Helderman.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by a grandson, Shaun Albright; a granddaughter, Jennifer Helderman; his sister, Ann Helderman McElrath and his brother, William E. "Bill" Helderman.

A Memorial Service will be held at Marietta First Baptist Church on Friday, March 31, 2023, at 1 PM.

The family will receive friends from 12 Noon until 12:50 PM on Friday at the church prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Marietta First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 337, Marietta SC 29661.

Cemetery Details

Marietta First Baptist Church Cemetery

Marietta, SC 29661

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM (ET)

Marietta First Baptist Church
Highway 276 Geer Highway/P.O. Box 337
Marietta, SC

Memorial Service

MAR 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PH

“ Pat Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Richard Helderman



Pat Hawkins - August 09, 2025 at 12:48 PM

HJ

“ Prayers for the family. Mr.Helderman was such a good person. He was our plumber for a long time . God bless the family.

Huetta Duncan Jackson - April 02, 2023 at 09:29 AM

LG

“ Knowing that Richard and Carolyn are together again makes my heart happy. These two sweet people had such a great impact on my life and set the bar high for the rest of us to follow. "I tell you what...": Richard's stories were the absolute best and his love of the Lord was strong and true. I am truly going to miss him and his quirky self but I know he will be waiting in Heaven to share lots more stores with us. Covering the entire family with Love and Prayers .

Libby Gordon - March 31, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ 95 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Howze Mortuary - March 30, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *In memory and celebration for the life of Richard Helderman. -we shared a love for trains!* 🚂



Joan E Burgess - March 30, 2023 at 10:18 AM

AH

“ He was my best friend as well as my Dad. He was my hero. We played baseball, softball and fished together so many years of my life. He was a family man and would always give Lynn and I of his a lot of his time. We were so blessed that Big Rich and Mom (Nana) aka Carolyn raised Lynn my sister and I in a very loving Christian Home. Life was all about Church, Family and Love. I could write a book of Big Rich and Nana stories some that would keep you in stitches laughing. Rich and I use to fish Merrill’s Inlet for many years. Because of the crazy stuff we did we while operating a boat would cause us all kind of problems. It was like two hayseeds operating the Queen Mary. It’s a miracle we survived some of our escapes. Because of our lack of boating knowledge we decided to call our boat “The Laurel & Hardy”. We were fishing one day and my Dad not use to bait casting type reels accidentally through my expensive rod and reel into the inlet. Another time he was perched in the front seat near to bow off the boat while I was driving. He kept pointing in a certain direction. I assumed he wanted me to go that way, so I did. The next thing I know we hit a big wooden pallet. He looked at me like did you not see that big pallet in the water. Those were just a few of our fishing experiences together. I have so many funny stories, I wish I could share more. I will say Thank You Lord Jesus for allowing me to be born in such an amazing family. I just hope I can finish my life as half the Man of God my Dad.



A special Thank You to Raymond and HOWZE Mortuary. Also I send a special Thank you to Vickie Hawkins and The special people who work at the Whistle Stop.

Being in the Military and his compassion for those wounded soldiers in lieu of flowers my Dad would be honored for those who wish to make a donation to the Wounded Warrior Foundation. I love you Big Rich and I love you Nana. You are finally together again in the presence of God.

Allen Helderman - March 30, 2023 at 09:27 AM

KI

“ I am so sorry for the family. Richard became a friend of mine over the years. He was always ready to come by the house quickly if I was in some kind of bind with plumbing. He was such a sweetheart. I know he is so happy though to be reunited with his dear wife who he missed so very much. And his Savior that he served so faithfully. I will always remember him. Kathy Irvin

kathy irvin - March 29, 2023 at 04:55 PM

JA

“ Julie Alexander lit a candle in memory of Richard Helderman



Julie Alexander - March 29, 2023 at 04:35 PM

DT

“ In the arms of Jesus with Carolyn right beside him is what I picture. He told me a few years back that it was time to stop calling him Mr. Helderman and to call him Richard. I did, for him, but never liked it. He will always be Mr. Helderman to me. With much respect, Doug Taylor

Doug Taylor - March 29, 2023 at 01:31 PM

SH

“ We all have wonderful memories of Carolyn and Richard. Both will be missed by the earthly family. They both lived Christian lives together.



Sherrie Heyse - March 29, 2023 at 12:06 PM

GB

“ Gaynell Nathan Bayne lit a candle in memory of Richard Helderman



Gaynell and Nathan Bayne - March 28, 2023 at 06:11 PM

KA

“ So sad to hear. Lifting up prayers for family and friends.

Kay - March 28, 2023 at 03:51 PM