



## James "Richard" Stikeleather

May 6, 1944 - April 8, 2024

James "Richard" Stikeleather, 79, of Mint Hill, NC, went to be with The Lord on Monday, April 8, 2024 with his family at his side. Richard was born May 6, 1944 to Marvin Reid and Mary Agnes Sealey Stikeleather at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, NC. As a youth, Richard went to McClintock Junior High and South Mecklenburg High School. He met the love of his life, Nancy Perry at the Winn-Dixie on Scaleybark Road in July of 1959 as young teenagers and eventually married in 1963 and still married after 61 years. Richard joined the United States Air Force in July of 1961 and was honorably discharged in June of 1964. He and Nancy continued to live in Charlotte to start a home and raise a daughter named Ramona. He was an accomplished automobile mechanic and retired as a technician for Wells Fargo Security Alarm Systems. Richard loved to garden in the yard and was a great visionary for land scaping and was an accomplished cook in the kitchen. He was a collector of gardening books and cook books. He loved to vacation at the beach and loved to spend his time with family and friends.

A graveside service for Richard will be at Forest Lawn West Cemetery with military honors on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 11 AM. In addition to flowers to his family, a memorial may be made to Goodwill Industries in his name because he valued their philosophy in helping the disabled.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn West Cemetery

4601 Freedom Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28208  
<http://www.forestlawnwestcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Richard" Stikeleather*



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**Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home** - April 11, 2024 at 07:18 PM



“ *Jenny Olsen lit a candle in memory of James Stikeleather*



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**Jenny Olsen** - March 14 at 12:34 AM

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“Daddy Richard, years ago when I came into yours and Mom's life who would have thought you all would end up with two daughters. My heart is feeling a sadness that a craftsman tool can't easily fix. Your home became my home. Your dinner table became my dinner table. I called you Daddy and you always answered. Mom ate way to much chocolate we always said!! A man of few words always had time and a few words for this daughter. I remember when the truck broke down and you sent Ramona to get some tools. Me and you sat in that truck till she got back. The first thing you said to me was Debbie-roo sing us a song while we wait. We both burst out laughing because all of a sudden I couldn't think of not one song to sing. Well I'll sing for you now Daddy. I'll sing and give thanks to God for the blessing you were and for your healed and wholeness that you now have. Life has a way of playing out in ways we would have never expected. If we were in control we would do things so differently. Thank you for living your life with out walls and letting me be apart of it. I still have no idea how to change a spark plug, but I'll make you proud looking for the dummy lights on the dash board that light up when something is wrong!! I'm sure my little tool box will not have all the pieces it should, but my heart will because you gave me a piece of yours a long time ago. I'll miss you Daddy. Rest easy "HERO" you have earned it. Love you.  
Your daughter Debbie

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Debbie Stinson - April 10, 2024 at 01:11 AM

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“ I have many good memories seeing Richard at his home on occasions that I was invited by he and Nancy . He was in charge of the kitchen and done a great job of serving a meal that you remembered. He had special recepies for each occasion and we all wanted to copy them out of his special book. I was in awe of this brave man who wore scares helping keeping our country free. I never heard a word of regret for what it had cost him. It was a privilege to be in his company. I will be sad that he has left us, but proud to say I knew him.



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**Elizabeth Camp Anthony** - April 09, 2024 at 11:09 PM