



## Fr Richard Bakley

April 14, 1944 - May 9, 2021

The Venerable Richard E Bakley, 77, resident of Locust NC passed into the arms of Our Lord Jesus Christ Sunday May ninth, 2021.

Fr. Richard was born in Camden NJ to George and Edna Bakley. He received his degree in Horticulture from Delaware Valley University in 1966, and joined the Marine Corps from which he retired honorably as a Corporal. He was ordained to the Priesthood in 1984 and was the Rector of All Saints Anglican Church in Mills River NC for nine years and the Rector of St. Michael's Anglican Church in Matthews NC for 23 years.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years Patricia, son Thomas, daughter Ellen, son in law André, grandson Atticus, granddaughter Adelaide, and sister Helen.

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May seventeenth at 2:00pm at St. Michael's Anglican Church in Matthews NC. There will be a reception in the parish hall following the service.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, the Wounded Warrior Project, or Big Fluffy Dog Rescue.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

St Michael Anglican Church  
2211 Margaret Wallace Road  
Matthews, NC 28105  
<http://www.stmichaelsanglican.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fr Richard Bakley*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Fr Richard Bakley*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Fr Richard Bakley.*



May 15, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ *John Lucas IV and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Fr Richard Bakley.*



**John Lucas IV and Family** - May 15, 2021 at 10:56 AM

SE

“ *Sandy, Becky & Graham England purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Fr Richard Bakley.*



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**Sandy, Becky & Graham England** - May 15, 2021 at 10:32 AM

SE

“ *Father Rich ... was truly a living, breathing and caring example of the Good Shepard who lovingly watched over every one of us in his St. Michael's Flock.*

*He was a Godly inspiration and a constant source of purpose and peace to each of us, according to our own spiritual need at the moment. Father Rich always seemed to instinctively know when to reach-out to each of us in his own caring way. He helped us not to ever forget the gift of our pets through the Annual Blessing of the Animals.*

*Becky and I and our grandson, Graham, feel so blessed to have been touched by so many special moments in which Father Rich gave us his loving blessing & guiding support.*

*May God bless and keep our wonderful Father Rich, the Special Shepard of St. Michael Anglican Church, in his everlasting grace and peace.*

*Sandy, Becky & Graham England*

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**Sanford Patrick England** - May 15, 2021 at 10:21 AM

KS

“ *Fr. Rich will always remain as a positive, honest and faithful pillar in our lives.*

*He was there for us all and guided us with a gentle hand to come to understand how to have faith in Christ.*

*He would always be there at the hospital in the early hours of the mornings before our surgeries to reassure us that everything would be alright.*

*His phone calls out of the blue, somehow knowing that we needed to talk and praying over us all constantly in good times and bad.*

*Although we are all reeling about his passing, I know he is where he wants to be ,resting comfortably with Christ.*

*We loved him dearly. Thank you Lord for bringing him into our lives.*

*Ralph, Kerry, Nick and Torry*

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**Kerry Strayhorn** - May 13, 2021 at 04:01 PM

LT

“ *Love, Ralph, Kerry, Nick and Torry purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Fr Richard Bakley.*



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**Love, Ralph, Kerry, Nick and Torry** - May 13, 2021 at 02:43 PM

EM

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of fr Rich,as we fondly called him one of the kindest people I've known in my life I know he is with God resting peacefully Evelyn McDaniel*

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**Evelyn Mcdaniel** - May 12, 2021 at 02:14 PM

AH

“ Fr. Rich will be missed!!!

*My story about raising two kids as a single father will be incomplete without mentioning the impact Fr. Rich made in our lives. He was there for us 24/7 and always assured me everything will be okay. I will never forget one night I came back from out-of-town work, my kids where in bed, I was so exhausted that I fell asleep with my clothes on, I forgot to lock the back door and it eventually triggered the alarm. The alarm company was not able to reach me, they reached out to Fr. Rich who was the emergency contact on file at about 3 a.m. Fr. Rich showed up a little after 3 a.m. and met with the police outside, they went around the house, closed the back door and left. It was after I came to church that morning that I then realized what happened. I saw Fr. Rich, he said how was your night, I replied it was great, with great sense of humor he said Indeed it was .... 😊*

*Fr. Rich had a great sense of humor, very caring, and always there for his parishioners in need.*

*My children and I will miss him.*

*Al Harbor*

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**Al Harbor** - May 12, 2021 at 01:16 PM

PW

“ God rest his soul in peace. Our condolences to all of you, Pat, Ellen, Andy and the young ones he loved. God bless you. The Witherspoons.

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**Patricia Witherspoon** - May 12, 2021 at 09:33 AM

SL

*Dear Pat and all your family, we were saddened to hear of Father's passing...he meant so much to Chuck and me and all three of our children through the years...I am happy to know is is with Jesus and not suffering...we loved him so much and all of you too...much love and prayers, Sandy and Chuck Long*

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**sandra Long** - May 12, 2021 at 04:11 PM

RW

*“ Fr. Rich will always remain in many fond memories, from a family outing to see buffalo to dinners in the parish hall to beautiful Christmas Eve services. May light perpetual shine upon him, and may God's grace be upon Pat and all the family! Dennis*

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**Rev. Dennis Washburn** - May 12, 2021 at 06:53 AM



*“ John StanleyMedia lit a candle in memory of Fr Richard Bakley*



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**John StanleyMedia** - May 12, 2021 at 02:58 AM

MD

“ Fr. Rich baptised my children, was present for every joy and catastrophe in my adult life, and will live on in my memory as one of the greatest humans I have ever known.  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us all with the gift of this earthly life and has given to our brother, Fr. Rich his span of years and gifts of character.  
God our Father, we thank you now for all his life, for every memory of love and joy, for every good deed done by him and every sorrow shared with us.  
We thank you for his life and for his death, we thank you for the rest in Christ he now enjoys, we thank you for giving him to us, we thank you for the glory we shall share together.  
Hear our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen  
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Michele Dotson - May 11, 2021 at 11:00 PM

MS

“ Morley and I were given permission by Fr. Bakley to do a program "Be Encouraged" at the church social hall which we were so grateful for. Great memory.

Martina Stevenson - May 11, 2021 at 07:05 PM

TH

“ The Harlows purchased the Cheeseboard Compl ete for the family of Fr Richard Bakley.



The Harlows - May 11, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Fr Richard Bakley.*



May 11, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ *Fr. George & Claudia Harding lit a candle in memory of Fr Richard Bakley*



**Fr. George & Claudia Harding** - May 11, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Fr Richard Bakley.*



May 11, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ *The Rev. Fr. Vince Varnas, Holy Angels, Aloha, OR purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Fr Richard Bakley.*



**The Rev. Fr. Vince Varnas, Holy Angels, Aloha, OR** - May 11, 2021 at 01:16 PM