



## Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard

August 14, 1966 - April 5, 2020

Roald Joseph Richard, age 53, died suddenly in a road bicycle accident on Sunday, April 5, 2020. He is survived by his beloved wife, Diane, his son, Mark, and daughters Christina and Anna. His loving parents are Marien and Michel (deceased). Roald was the baby brother of his siblings, Henri, Nicole and Greg. Roald is survived by nieces and nephews David Richard, Jonathan Richard, Nick Kleminsky, Alex Kleminsky, Elizabeth Starkey (Richard), Kelsey Kokes, Beka Troutman, Krissie Daughtry, John David Clark, Steven Yates, Emily Yates, Erica Erbert, and Julie Erbert.

Roald was a fun-loving, joyous person who loved his Lord, family, and life. He graduated from Scottsboro HS (1984) and University of Alabama at Huntsville (UAH) with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant- TVA in Athens, AL, for 17 years. He drove the round trip every day from Scottsboro to Athens to be home at night with his family. He loved Scottsboro- finding it the perfect little town to raise his family. Besides Ro's love for spending quality time with his family, he had a love for the outdoors, exercise, and health. He was always seen around town either biking, running, or swimming. He completed an Ironman in Santa Rosa, CA in 2003 and many triathlons throughout the rest of his life. His family and friends are bereft – he will be missed.

During these trying times, we will have an outdoor viewing at Scottsboro Funeral Home on County Park Road, Friday, April 10, from 2pm-5pm. Due to COVID19, the viewing will be conducted as a "drive-by" ceremony, where the

guests can drive up in their respective vehicles to greet the family. The family plans to hold a Celebration of Life Memorial Ceremony at a future date.

If you would like to make a donation in honor of Roald, please make it to Lupus Research Alliance. Roald suffered from the autoimmune disease, Lupus, for several years and would love to be a part of helping to advance research and help find a cure. <https://www.lupusresearch.org/>

Arrangements Entrusted to Scottsboro Funeral Home

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **10**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Scottsboro Funeral Home & Pinehaven Memorial Gardens created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard*



**Scottsboro Funeral Home and Pinehaven Memorial Gardens** - April 08, 2020 at 02:16 PM

MU

*My heart goes out to this family. May God be with you.*

**Mary Upton** - April 09, 2020 at 06:55 AM



*I never formally Met Mr. Richard but being married the Mrs. Diane and Coach Mark I imagine his heart and smile is just as big as theirs. I pray For strength for both Coach Mark and Mrs. Diane along with the entire entire family as they go through this most difficult time in life.*

**Ko'Meiko Torres** - April 09, 2020 at 05:43 PM

BB

*Prayers for the whole family. Thinking of you all thru this tough time.  
Coach Barb  
Mountain Valley Aquatics  
Huntsville*

**Barbara Belyea** - April 09, 2020 at 07:21 PM

Scott  
Metta

*What a great video of memories. -The Parr's.*

**Scott Metta** - April 09, 2020 at 08:46 PM

WS

*What a beautiful tribute. Praying for the entire family, that the Lord will overwhelm you with His overwhelming peace, comfort and tangible presence*

*Jim and Wanda Schrimsher*

Wanda Schrimsher - April 10, 2020 at 03:55 PM

JH

*So very sorry for your loss. He was a friend of my son(Michael Hall). My heart hurts for you all . Prayers for you*

Janice Hall - April 10, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ *Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard*

October 05, 2023 at 01:26 AM

MB

“ *We send our hugs, our prayers, and our condolences to you, sweet family of Ro. Ro was a kind & caring man, and such a thoughtful neighbor. Our hearts go out to you all in this sad time. Peace we with you.*

*Dave & Mary Barney*



Mary Barney - April 12, 2020 at 12:51 PM

FA

“ *Prayers for peace and comfort to all of this awesome family. I will always remember Ro as a relentless warrior with a great sense of humor who pushed us to work harder in training and was fun guy to be around. His light will always shine on...*



Fannings - April 11, 2020 at 10:37 AM

DR

*Thank you so much Robert!*

**Diane Richard** - April 13, 2020 at 02:36 PM

FA

“ *Fannings sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard*



**Fannings** - April 11, 2020 at 10:30 AM

EL

“ *Oh, Uncle Ro Ro. Any memory I have of you is a good one; us swapping glasses with each other to be flabbergasted by how close our eye prescription was, to you calling me "Grub" and us talking about all the silly southern sayings. The list goes on and on. I never told you how thankful I am for you and Aunt Diane being rock solid for me when i needed it. I'm so thankful and all of us Starkey's love you so much!*

**Elizabeth** - April 11, 2020 at 12:06 AM

DR

*He loved you so much Elizabeth!!! ❤️*

**Diane Richard** - April 13, 2020 at 02:47 PM

CA

“ *I always remember meeting Roald and his parents, Marian and Michele, and Henri-Jean, Greg and Nicole. The Majors my (Mother Adele), and all the family were close in friendship and love.*



**Cathy** - April 10, 2020 at 04:47 PM

AK

“ Uncle Ro will always hold a special place in my heart and memory. We will always cherish the time we have been fortunate to spend with uncle Ro. My deepest sympathies go out to the family: aunt Diane, Christina, Mark, Anna, Grandma Marien, uncle Henri, uncle Greg, mama Nicole and the rest of the Richard clan. Unfortunately, we are stuck on an island in the north Atlantic and cannot attend the services, however, Tabea and I are keeping all of you close to our heart.

Love Always,  
Alex

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alex kleminsky - April 10, 2020 at 03:12 PM

DR

Thank you so much Alex! We miss you and love you! ❤️

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Diane Richard - April 13, 2020 at 02:49 PM

WH

“ With Love, Bob and Rhonda Hagood purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard.



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With Love, Bob and Rhonda Hagood - April 10, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard.



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April 09, 2020 at 04:05 PM

MA

“ Marcos and Lisa Abril purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard.



Marcos and Lisa Abril - April 09, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard.



April 09, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard.



April 09, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard.



April 09, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard.*



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April 09, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ *I am so sorry for the earthly loss of this fine man. SHS Class of '84 was beyond blessed to have had Roald. With sadness, Betsy Browder Koger*

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**Betsy Koger** - April 08, 2020 at 10:34 PM



*He was a good man! Thank you so much!*

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**Diane Richard** - April 13, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Kim (Zorn ) Barnes .*

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**Kim (Zorn) Barnes** - April 08, 2020 at 09:46 PM



*Thank you! 💕💕*

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**Diane Richard** - April 13, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard.*



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April 08, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Christina Richard** - April 08, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ *Cathy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard*



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**Cathy** - April 08, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard.*



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April 08, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard.



April 08, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Scottsboro Funeral Home and Pinehaven Memorial Gardens - April 08, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard.



April 08, 2020 at 01:51 PM

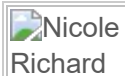


“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard.*

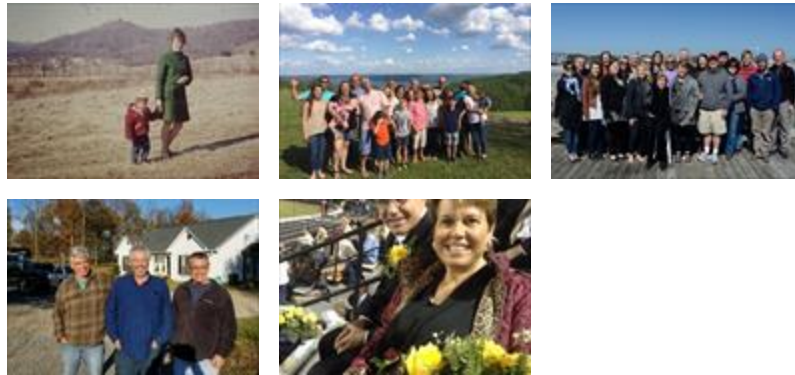


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April 08, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ *5 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Nicole Richard** - April 08, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ *Roald and I grew up together. I'll never forget fishing, riding bikes, and swimming in the lake with Roald and our neighborhood friends. He was always laughing and pulling a prank on someone (often me). My mother still lives in the house on the lake I grew up in. She said she would often see Roald out running when she was walking. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him and loved him. Roald's family will be in my prayers.*

*Latham Frazier Thurber*

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**Latham Thurber** - April 08, 2020 at 10:51 AM

DR

*Thank you so much for sharing!!!*

**Diane Richard** - April 13, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard.*



April 08, 2020 at 07:21 AM

TS

“ *I was very saddened to hear this news about Roald being gone way too soon. I saw him a few times and he was always very kind and funny. He seemed to let his actions speak for his character. My Brother, Danny, who was Best Friends with Ro's brother Greg-and Father-in law of Elizabeth-talked many times of Roald's kindness and humor. He visited Danny several times when he was very ill. He must have been very tired from the Drive he made daily to work and back-but he still made time to visit a Friend. That speaks volumes about the kind of person he was! The Bible says we sometimes entertain Angels unawares! This seemed to be the case with Roald! To all the Family-I am praying for all of you. May God comfort and keep you each and every one as only he can today and in all the days to come! God Bless you all! Terry Starkey*



**Terry Starkey** - April 07, 2020 at 09:01 PM

DR

*Thank you so much for such kind memories written! 💕💕*

**Diane Richard** - April 13, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ Donna McCain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roald "Ro" Joseph Richard



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**Donna McCain** - April 07, 2020 at 04:21 PM

IM

“ I worked with Ro at Mead and always liked him. I saw him at Hardee's in Gurley a year or so ago and we spent some time catching up, So sorry for your loss,

*Ike Moore*

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**Ike Moore** - April 07, 2020 at 03:57 PM

PA

“ I worked with Ro at BFN. He was an amazing person who kept me laughing. He will be missed greatly. A thought of comfort and condolences to the family & friends during this difficult time.



*With deepest sympathy,  
Partrice Miller*

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**Partrice** - April 07, 2020 at 02:18 PM