



Steve Richards

June 11, 1956 - August 23, 2025

Raphel Steven (Steve) Richards, age 69, of Warrior peacefully entered the presence of the Lord on August 23, 2025, after a brief illness.

He faithfully and joyfully served in various roles at New Temple Baptist Church for over 20 years. He retired from ACIPCO after 25 years and Jefferson County Commission after 15 years where he made many lifelong friends. After retirement, he enjoyed golf, fishing and, most of all, family (especially grandchildren).

Steve's love of life, great sense of humor, laughter, kindness, the great gift of gab as well as having a listening ear will leave an empty place in all our hearts. We rejoice in knowing he is now in his eternal home with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. John 11:25-26 "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Steve was preceded in death by his grandparents, Chatman and Evelyn Richards; Joe and Irene Champion and his father, Thaxton Richards.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Debbie Findlay Richards; mother, Martha Richards; sons, Brett Richards (Leah); Codey Richards (Chae); sister, Ginger Jones (Morris); grandchildren, Mary Tanner, Willie and Marloe; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who he loved dearly.

A celebration of his life will be held Wednesday, August 27th, at New Temple Baptist Church, Dora, AL with visitation from 4pm-6pm and the service at

6:00pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to New Temple Baptist Church Building Fund, 4501 Greathouse Rd, Dora, AL 35062.

Cemetery Details

New Horizon Memorial Gardens

5203 Hollis Goodwin Rd.
Dora, AL 35062
(205) 648-8749
<http://www.newhorizonmemorial.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

New Temple Baptist Church
4501 Greathouse Rd.
Dora, AL 35062

Celebration of Life

AUG 27. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JV

“ □ So many years since I've seen Steve. Good memories still linger from many years ago. Spoke with him over the phone three years ago. Got a Facebook note from him recently. He never mentioned his illness. So very sorry to learn of this. Praying for his wife and kids. Praying for Martha , Ginger and Scott 🙏❤️🙏

Jim Varnon - August 27, 2025 at 06:14 PM

JP

“ Jonathan, Sarah, Cameron, Avery & Parker purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Steve Richards.



Jonathan, Sarah, Cameron, Avery & Parker - August 27, 2025 at 11:06 AM

FT

“ From the FH Treasury Mgmt Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve Richards.

From the FH Treasury Mgmt Team - August 26, 2025 at 03:50 PM

FT

“ From the FH Treasury Mgmt Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steve Richards.



From the FH Treasury Mgmt Team - August 26, 2025 at 03:50 PM

JA

“ James A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve Richards.

James A. - August 26, 2025 at 03:18 PM

SK

“ Haven't seen Steve since high school, but I still remember him as such a great friend and team mate. He and Debbie always seemed to be a great match. I am so glad he was able to share his own style of sunshine with what sounds like a wonderful family. So sorry he was taken so soon. Rest in Peace.

Stan Knott - August 25, 2025 at 01:05 PM

YF

“ Your Workshops Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Steve Richards.



Your Workshops Family - August 25, 2025 at 12:07 PM

CE

“ Steve was such a good man, and always had a smile on his face and showed Jesus through the way he lived. Many prayers for Debbie and his family.
Caron Sellers Eiman

Caron Sellers Eiman - August 24, 2025 at 10:37 PM