



Charles Thomas "Tom" Richardson

November 5, 1944 - December 7, 2025

Charles Thomas "Tom" Richardson, 81, of Bluefield, VA, went to be with the Lord on Sunday December 7, 2025 at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown. Tom was a veteran of the US Air Force and served during Vietnam. He was a member of Virginia Avenue United Methodist Church in Bluefield, VA, and had worked at G.T.E. for many years, retiring from Verizon. Tom was a talented woodworker, even designing and building his home. He always listened to his Graham G-Men and Georgia Bulldogs.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Ronald "Skeeter" Richardson. Survivors include his loving wife of 61 years, Jane Richardson of Bluefield, VA; children, Traci Richardson Cassell and husband Chris of Dallas, GA, and Brad Richardson and wife Jennifer of Florida; four grandchildren, Taylor Cassell of Athens, GA, Brady Cassell of Dallas, GA, McKinley Richardson of Miami, FL, and Carter Richardson of Florida; sister-and brother-in-law, Jean and Sonny Harrold, nephews, Chuck, Cris and Scott Richardson; great-nieces and great-nephews, Jordan Bartlett, Jackson Richardson, Jenna Turak, and Logan Richardson; as well as many friends and extended family members who will miss him dearly.

In January of 1961, a commitment was made to serve the citizens of Bluefield, Virginia. Tom always wanted to remain invisible when it came to serving his hometown. Throughout the years, he dedicated his time and energy to designing several of the frontline fire trucks, tankers, and even the custom tower ladder truck. He took such interest in the design because he was one of

the firefighters who spent countless hours on ladders during some of the largest fires our town has ever faced. Because of his efforts, this generation now has some of the most state-of-the-art equipment and facilities available to the fire service. One of the things Tom was most known for was his ability to mentor. Over the years, he was incredibly proud of the firefighters he guided, many of whom went on to professional careers in the fire service and with the U.S. Forestry Hotshots. Most importantly, Tom always reminded everyone that family is what makes volunteers. He was endlessly proud of his wife, daughter, son, and his grandchildren. Some of his best memories came from time at the lake, golfing at Richwood, and, most recently, mornings spent with the coffee crew at Graham Mart. Relationships were the tradition he valued most.

A service will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mausoleum Chapel at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA, with Rev. Sherrill Michael officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Bluefield First Church of the Nazarene or Bluefield Virginia Fire Department.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grandview Memory Gardens Mausoleum
38659 Gov George C. Peery Hwy
Bluefield, VA 24605
(276) 322-5470

Tribute Wall

FL

“ From Pat Carl & Lorie purchased the Memorial Honor Blanket for the family of Charles Thomas "Tom" Richardson.



From Pat Carl & Lorie - December 14, 2025 at 01:24 PM

FL

“ From Pat Carl & Lorie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Thomas "Tom" Richardson.

From Pat Carl & Lorie - December 14, 2025 at 01:24 PM

ER

“ Prayers and thoughts are with his beautiful, amazing, loving family
♡
-Erica Rae & Debbie

Erica Rae - December 12, 2025 at 11:06 PM

JS

“ All of our love and sympathy are with each of you . With loving memories are in our hearts. ❤️❤️❤️

Janie,Duffy and Beki Sharpe.♡♡ - December 12, 2025 at 12:30 AM

CP

“ Chuck & Tina, Cris & Tammy, Scott & Pam purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Charles Thomas "Tom" Richardson.



Chuck & Tina, Cris & Tammy, Scott & Pam - December 11, 2025 at 05:25 PM

CP

“ Chuck & Tina, Cris & Tammy, Scott & Pam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Thomas "Tom" Richardson.

Chuck & Tina, Cris & Tammy, Scott & Pam - December 11, 2025 at 05:25 PM

LL

“ Love, Jordan, Jackson, Jenna and Logan purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Charles Thomas "Tom" Richardson.



Love, Jordan, Jackson, Jenna and Logan - December 11, 2025 at 05:19 PM

LL

“ Love, Jordan, Jackson, Jenna and Logan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Thomas "Tom" Richardson.

Love, Jordan, Jackson, Jenna and Logan - December 11, 2025 at 05:19 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charles Thomas "Tom" Richardson.



December 11, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ Pam, Ryan, and Ainsley Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Thomas "Tom" Richardson.

Pam, Ryan, and Ainsley Miller - December 11, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ Legacy Baptist Church Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Thomas "Tom" Richardson.



Legacy Baptist Church Family - December 11, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ Legacy Baptist Church Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Thomas "Tom" Richardson.

Legacy Baptist Church Family - December 11, 2025 at 10:05 AM

JB

“ *Joan Buchanan purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Charles Thomas "Tom" Richardson.*



Joan Buchanan - December 11, 2025 at 12:37 AM

JS

“ *One of the finest people I've ever known.*

J.R. Surface - December 10, 2025 at 09:09 PM

JF

“ *Jane, Traci, Brad, and all the family. I was so sorry to hear of Tom passing. When Tom came to work with us, he and I hit it off from the beginning as friends. We had so much in common of the past things that we had worked on and the way that each of us did our job. We talked about work, family, and life a lot. In 2016 when my wife Linda passed, at her graveside service, I looked up and there came Tom. I will never forget that or the time that I was privileged to spend with him. He was a great person and a wonderful friend and I will never forget him.*

Joe D. Fields - December 10, 2025 at 06:35 PM

JB

Deepest sympathies to all. Prayers for strength and comfort. Jennifer & Danny Burton

Jennifer Burton - December 13, 2025 at 10:02 AM

CS

So sorry to learn of Tom's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Cheryl A Sudderth - December 15, 2025 at 05:31 PM