



Dr. Thomas Edward Richardson

June 18, 1938 - October 6, 2025

Bluefield - Dr. Thomas Edward Richardson, age 87, of Bluefield, WV, passed away on Monday, October 6, 2025 at his home.

He was born on June 18, 1938 in Marlinton, WV to Jack and Vivian Musgrave Richardson.

Dr. Richardson was a graduate of Greenbrier Military School and Marietta College in Marietta, OH. He received his medical degree from the University Of West Virginia School Of Medicine in Morgantown, WV, and did his residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital in Akron, OH. He then served for two years at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Camp Lejeune, NC in pediatrics. He then moved to Bluefield where he practiced medicine for over thirty years at Children's Clinic. He was a member of Bland Street United Methodist Church.

Tom was a lifelong member of the Boiling Springs Rod and Gun Club in Warm Springs, VA where he enjoyed many good times with family and friends. He took much pleasure in gardening and was well known each summer for his bumper crop of delicious tomatoes that he always shared with friends.

Dr. Richardson was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Vivian; brother, John Richardson; and sister, Marianne Richardson Laufer.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Elizabeth F. Richardson; daughters, Betsy Richardson (Tony Columbo), and Katie Wright (Terry); sister, Jackie Bennett; brother, CJ Richardson (Dee Rhodes); grandsons, Nicholas Wadman and Chase Wadman; and granddaughter, Janie Wright.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at Bland Street United Methodist Church with Rev. Brent Brown officiating.

A visitation in the Fellowship Hall will immediately follow the service.

A private burial will take place at the family cemetery in Warm Springs, VA at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Bluefield Rescue Squad or to Bland Street United Methodist Church.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Dr. Thomas Edward Richardson

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bland Street United Methodist Church
Bland Road
Bluefield, WV

Celebration of Life

OCT 11 (ET)

Bland Street United Methodist Church
Bland Road
Bluefield, WV

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tribute Wall

KH

“ My brother and I were two of his first patients at Children's clinic after Dr Bauger transitioned to radiology. He was wonderful to us and our folks. I pursued a career in Pediatrics when I became an RN as an adult. Boots Raines was my main inspiration but his devotion to the specialty sealed the deal. Much love to the family. Thank you for the sacrifices you made so many kids could had happy and healthy childhoods. 😊



Karen Harlow - October 17, 2025 at 10:30 PM

EM

“ My condolences to the family. 30 years as a Pediatrician is amazing. I have been one for 27 years and it's people like him that inspire me to continue. Your family is my prayers. Take care, Jackie.

Eric L. Hall, M.D. - October 12, 2025 at 10:56 AM

PS

“ We are saddened to hear of Dr Richardson's passing and will hold him and his family in our prayers. He was pediatrician to all four of our children and we all loved him dearly. He always went above and beyond for his patients. When our youngest was born prematurely he had many battles with the insurance company to keep our baby in the hospital when she had kidney problems, a severe ear infection and needed blood transfusions. He was always looking out for his 'babies' and ours. He was a tremendous doctor and a wonderful person. We are thankful to have known him.

Patricia and Mark Sell - October 12, 2025 at 12:15 AM

MG

“ Though I didn't know Dr Richardson as my pediatrician I knew him through his daughter Kate who we met during our horseshoe days. He was a wonderful man and my deepest condolences go out to his family.

Manja Gills - October 10, 2025 at 08:18 PM

DM

“ Many fond memories of Dr. Richardson through the years. An amazing pediatrician and man as well. My heartfelt love and condolences to Elizabeth and the family. Doctors like him don't exist anymore.

Debbie Mariotti - October 10, 2025 at 07:41 PM

MF

“ My Uncle Tom taught me many things. The one that stands out most in my mind is the time he took me fishing. He told me and told me to stop throwing rocks in the fishing hole. I wouldn't listen. So I learned two lessons that day. 1. Don't throw rocks in the fishing hole and 2. My dad wasn't the only one who could bust my behind!!

Michael Funk

Michael Funk - October 10, 2025 at 05:47 PM

VW

He was my daughter's doctor, Wendy Lawson, who is now 54.. He was always so kind to us. Sending prayers to his family

Virginia Hoge Williams - October 21, 2025 at 01:20 AM

DJ

“ Dr. Richardson was *THE MOST* awesome pediatrician for my 3 children during a very difficult time and loss for my family. He and Elizabeth were so kind to us, and I will remember that always about them. I trust his family finds peace and strength during this difficult time just as he gave to me and my family. We are thinking of you all. Debbie Jackson, Mindy, Abram and Rob.

Debbie Jackson - October 09, 2025 at 07:56 PM

GF

“ He was certainly a fine man and person. May God bless the family. Best wishes to all.

George Fisher - October 09, 2025 at 07:36 PM

CB

“ God bless you, Uncle Tom. Thank you for being a rock of our family, our church, and our community. We miss you mightily but will remember you daily.

Chris Brewster - October 09, 2025 at 03:08 PM

PJ

“ He was such a kind man. He literally saved my son's life. He was my children's pediatrician for over twelve years until we moved away. May God bless his wife and family.

Pamela Whitt Jollie - October 09, 2025 at 09:47 AM

GR

“ Prayers to the family during this difficult time. Dr. Richardson was my pediatrician for many years and made going to the doc at an early age a LOT less traumatic for a kid with stomach issues.

Greg - October 09, 2025 at 08:18 AM

MM

“ Dr. Richardson was my pediatrician in the 1970's. He was very kind and took wonderful care of me and my brother. My parents thought very highly of him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Michael Milam
Roanoke, VA

Michael Milam - October 09, 2025 at 06:01 AM

JB

“ Dr. Richardson was my pediatrician! He was a truly wonderful man!

Jennifer Bailey - October 09, 2025 at 04:01 AM

JL

“ Dr. Richardson (Tom Ed to me) was a wonderful brother in law, a loving family man and a peaceful soul that cared about his patients. He had a wonderful dry sense of humor. He accepted me as a brother in law though I came into the family late in life. He added to my quality of life even though I was probably the only family member that didn't hunt at the family camp. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word. I will miss him and his wonderful smile.

Jerry Laufer - October 08, 2025 at 09:54 PM

WG

Dr. Richardson was all three of our children's Pediatrician from 1983 until he retired. I also worked with him on 3 East at BRMC. He will be missed. I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for Elizabeth and family.

Wayne/Barbara Pruett Green - October 09, 2025 at 07:10 AM

DJ

Dr. Richardson was the consummate pediatrician for my three children during a very difficult and traumatic time in my life. He was so kind and thoughtful. I'm certain Dr. Richardson helped me get through an impossible time, and I will always remember his exceptional care for my kids and for me. I trust the Richardson family will find strength and peace through this most difficult time. My best to his wife and family. Debbie Jackson...Mindy, Abram, and Rob.

Debbie Jackson - October 09, 2025 at 07:46 PM

GB

“ Dr Richardson was a great Dr. and a wonderful man. He took care of my children. Prayers to Elizabeth and the family. Gerri Broyles



Gerri Broyles - October 08, 2025 at 09:39 PM

SH

“ Dr Richardson was my son's doctor in Bluefield. I loved him and trusted him. That was over 50 years ago. Prayers for all the family.

sharon Hodges Hyndrich - October 08, 2025 at 09:28 PM

FC

“ I trusted Dr. Richardson 100% with my most precious possessions, my children and he never disappointed me. He was so kind and easy with his precious patients and so supportive and patient with the parents. Many thanks for his incredible contribution and care of so many generations of this community. May he rest in peace.

Frances Colley - October 08, 2025 at 08:05 PM

MH

Dr, Richardson was a wonderful doctor and man. I am so sorry for your sadness and grief. May the Lord be with you, and may perpetual light shine upon your loved one.

Maggie Harless - October 09, 2025 at 08:41 AM

RF

“ *Dr Richardson was the pediatrician for both my children I was a young dumb mom in 1982 and he patted me on the shoulder and told me I was doing good made me cry then and still does I adored the man great doctor great man*

Robin Farmer - October 08, 2025 at 07:43 PM

KT

Dr. Richardson was my lifeline from 9/1/1981-06/01/2005. I adored him & did everything he told me to do! My condolence to Elizabeth, Betsy, & Katie & their families. Prayers for comfort & peace for each of them.

Kim Tinder - October 08, 2025 at 08:39 PM



Dr. Richardson was my pediatrician until I was 20. I loved him. He was so nice and very patient. Always got my Dum Dum sucker too. Lol. I'll always remember and cherish him forever. ❤️

Stephanie Looney - October 08, 2025 at 10:53 PM

SS

Dr. Richardson was a great doctor. I have many memories of working with him in the nursery at Bluefield hospital. I will be praying for his family.

Sandy Smith - October 09, 2025 at 05:22 AM

CH

Dr. Richardson was my Dwain and Derricks pediatrician until they were in their teens. He was the best. We loved him. Derrick was in his office so often Dr Richardson actually told me he was going to take him home with him and raise him. Love and prayers for this family.

Carol Hall - October 09, 2025 at 12:04 PM