



Melvin Kendrick Richardson

December 28, 1934 - December 25, 2021

Melvin Kendrick Richardson was born December 28, 1934, in Gastonia, North Carolina.

Parents were Maude Elizabeth Gibson Richardson and Frank Simpson Richardson, He

passed away after a battle with Parkinson's Disease on December 25, 2021.

He served in the United States Air Force as a Vehicle Maintenance Officer at Craig Air Force Base, Selma, Alabama.

Dr. Richardson received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Clemson

University, a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State University

A Master of Arts in Mathematics from the University of Alabama, and a Doctor of Philosophy

In Engineering Mechanics from the University of Alabama.

He was a member of the faculty of the Mechanical Engineering and Agricultural

Engineering Departments at Clemson University. He developed and received a Patent for a Mechanical Okra Harvester. He was a registered Professional Engineer.

Dr. Richardson was President of Engineering Design, Inc. and Design Analysis, Inc.

His consulting practice included Machine Design and Analysis, Accident Reconstruction, Structural Failure Analysis, and Product Design.

Memberships included the National Safety Council, the South Carolina State Board of Engineering Examiners, the Society of Automotive Engineering, the American Society of Agricultural Engineering, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Cessna Pilots Association, and the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Dr. Richardson was twice Mayor of the town of Six Mile, SC, and served on the town council,

During his time as Mayor of the town of Six Mile, with the cooperation of the Town Council and people of the community, a fire department was established for the Town of Six Mile. He was a volunteer fireman for the town of Six Mile.

Dr. Richardson taught an adult Sunday School class at Lawrence Chapel Methodist Church for several years.

He loved his family and enjoyed many friends. His hobbies included flying his own airplanes, and building and flying model airplanes. He also rode his Harley Davidson with a group of friends. He could always tell an interesting story.

Survived by wife of 63 years Anita Richardson, children Bill and Sarah Richardson of Tyler, Texas; Ken Richardson of Charleston, South Carolina; grandchildren Caleb and Katrina Richardson of Shreveport, Louisiana; Joshua

Richardson, and Daniel Richardson of Tyler, Texas; Elise Richardson and Katherine Richardson of Charleston, South Carolina; and great granddaughter Kennedy Richardson of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation, Donation Processing, P. O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014 (www.michaeljfox.org).

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Rose Lawn Cemetery
2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mel was our Sunday School teacher and our very close friend. A generous man with his time and his skills. When I think of Mel, he’s always laughing. He loved his wife, his children and grandchildren. He truly cherished his friends, and we will always cherish him. Be with God and we will be together again Mel.*

The Mortenson’s - December 29, 2021 at 05:13 AM

KC

“ *Always loved visiting with Mel, his quick wit and southern drawl was captivating. Know the move to Texas was not easy on him and Anita, but it was in God's perfect timing. What a wonderful day to be ushered into heaven!*

Kathy Cox - December 28, 2021 at 04:46 PM

DK

As a former student at Clemson...so sorry to see Melvin pass on. As a dear friend, I miss the work we did at the farm in Six Mile. My last visit with Dr. Richardson was sad as the Parkinsons was serious but I how hope to see you once again.....

David M. Koss, PE -January 10 2022

David m Koss - January 10, 2022 at 05:15 PM