



Richard Allan Neely

August 21, 1952 - November 24, 2018

Philippians 4:13 NKJV

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Richard was a beloved husband, an inspiring father who always seemed to be one step ahead of his children's wild antics, and the best grandfather imaginable to his nine grandchildren. He was loved and respected by his friends and peers. But what he was most known for was the immense love he had for his family. His weekend calendar revolved around the soccer, softball, baseball and basketball games of his grandchildren. Richard grew up in Fort Worth, Texas and moved to Van his senior year. It was in Van that he met the love of his life, Myra Jo York. They were married on April 6th, 1974. Richard attended TJC, ETSU, and UT Tyler where he received his Masters degree in industrial safety. Richard worked in the grocery business, at East Texas Work Force, Whitaker/Lynch's Food Mart, and the last 13 years were spent at Future Matrix as Safety Manager. He loved his "work family" and missed them dearly after retiring in 2016.

Anyone who knew Richard knows how much he loved telling jokes and making others laugh, even when he wasn't feeling well. In fact, Richard's ICU nurses said he would be greatly missed- he was their comic relief. Richard would often be told by Myra, "There's a time and a place..." to which he would respond with a witty comment or yet another joke.

Richard's faith in God was never a question. In fact, he politely informed a chaplain that came to visit him at home that "he knew where he was going, so he had best head on out and help someone else who was in need of spiritual guidance."

After a few failed attempts at hunting and fishing, Richard found a knack for cooking. Along with cooking, Richard loved reading Louis Lamour, music, working word puzzles, the Dallas Cowboys, and spoiling his grandchildren rotten. He would often be found with one or two grandchildren in his lap reading books, watching cartoons or working puzzles.

Richard especially loved the holidays. Getting to spend time with friends and family around the table was one of his favorite joys. He particularly loved his mother-in-law's potato salad - and Lord help us if you forgot the gravy.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Vernie Neely of Mineola, and his father-in-law, James York Jr. of Lindale. He is survived by his loving family including Myra, his wife of 44 years; two sons and their wives, Clinton and BreeAnn Neely of Chandler; Eric and Christi Neely of Tyler; and daughter Jennifer and husband Jermaine Davis of Tyler. Richard is also survived by his nine grandchildren: Luke, Landon and Katelyn Neely; Reese and Peyton Neely; and Jaden, Jackson, Jace and Joslyn Davis. Other surviving family members include his two brothers and their wives, David and Nancy Neely of Fort Worth, TX and Dennis and April Neely of Mineola, TX and his mother in-law, Naomi York of Lindale, TX.

A special thank you to his friends, family, ETMC, and Hospice of East Texas for your continued prayers and support.

Cemetery Details

Garden Valley Baptist Church Cemetery

17816 CR 442
Lindale, TX 75771

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

NOV 28. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard Allan Neely*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 28, 2018 at 02:31 PM

SW

“ *Clint- we are very sorry to hear of the passing of your dad! I remember when Kaylie was on your softball team he never missed a game. You & your family are in our thoughts and prayers, - Justin & Susie White*

Susie White - November 29, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 28, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Allan Neely.*



November 28, 2018 at 10:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Allan Neely.*



November 27, 2018 at 10:42 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.
I pray God will comfort each and everyone of you.
"Hugs to Jennifer, Jermaine, Jaden "Bear", Jackson, Jace and
Joslyn"
Love,
Barbara Dykes
"Octane Family"*

Barbara Dykes - November 27, 2018 at 08:18 PM

FW

“ Thanks Mr. Richard for raising two fine gentlemen that I'm proud to call my friends. May they carry on your legacy and instill in their children. You done a great job in building your family tradition and now you have earn your TWO WINGS. Rest in peace Mr. Richard, you will be missed.

Freddie Williams & Family

Freddie Williams - November 27, 2018 at 05:18 PM



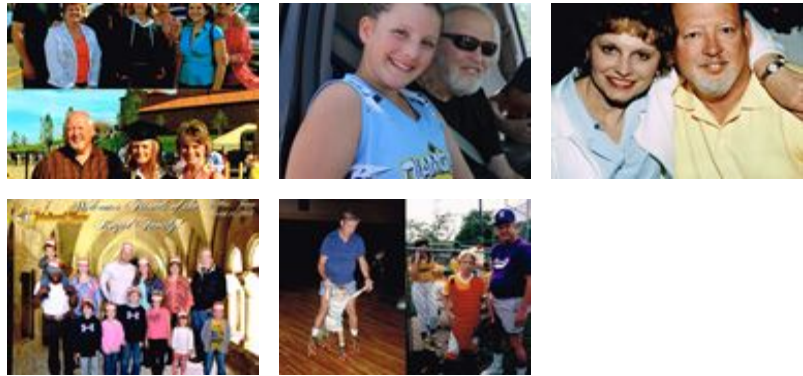
“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Allan Neely.



November 27, 2018 at 02:03 PM



“ 270 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 27, 2018 at 12:24 PM

DC

“ *Myra, I'm very sorry for your loss! Prayers for you and your family.*
David & Carleta Cates



david/carleta cates - November 27, 2018 at 09:49 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Allan Neely.*



November 27, 2018 at 07:43 AM

JC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during his time. We loved Richard and his amazing laugh. He was always ready with a joke. Love, Dayton, Jennifer, Madison and Daniel Cox*

Jennifer Cox - November 26, 2018 at 09:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Allan Neely.*



November 26, 2018 at 06:14 PM

VC

“ Myra, praying for you and your family! Richard was truly a fun-loving character and sweet man. Peace be with you and cherish the wonderful memories. Vickie Clements-Stofle

Vickie Clements-Stofle - November 26, 2018 at 06:08 PM

KA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My family is praying for yours and you, in particular, Jennifer. May the Lord's peace descend upon you and there remain.

Katherine - November 26, 2018 at 04:25 PM

TK

“ Todd, Jan, Parker & Connor Kelsey purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard Allan Neely.



Todd, Jan, Parker & Connor Kelsey - November 26, 2018 at 03:23 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Allan Neely.



November 26, 2018 at 02:46 PM

TL

“ Our hearts go out to you. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers for grace and peace.

John 14

Tom and Polly Lowry

Tom and Polly Lowry - November 26, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Richard Allan Neely.



November 25, 2018 at 10:14 PM

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“ *Aunt Betty, James Plunk, Debbie Rhodes* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Richard Allan Neely.



Aunt Betty, James Plunk, Debbie Rhodes - November 25, 2018 at 01:30 PM

BP

“ SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I HAVE KNOW RICKY SINCE HE WAS FIVE YEARS OLD. HE WAS A VARY SWEET BOY GROWING UP AND CONTINUED TO BE THE SAME AS ALWAYS. HIS UNCLE FRANK AND I LOVED HIM VERY MUCH. HE WAS A GOOD HUSBAND AND FATHER AND GRAND FATHER. YOU ARE ALL IN MY PRAYERS.
WITH OUR LOVE. DEBBIE RHODES, JAMES PLUNK AND AUNT BETTY PLUNK

Betty Plunk - November 25, 2018 at 12:09 PM