



## Richard Lawrence

March 17, 1970 - July 28, 2024

Richard Neil Lawrence was victorious in his 10-year battle with cancer when he entered his heavenly home on July 28, 2024. He was born in Longview, TX on March 17, 1970. Richard was known for his quick wit, generous heart, abundant humor, and zest for life. He was a loving father, a precious son, a devoted husband, a faithful friend, a private plane pilot, and a Nascar driver wannabe. He loved to make people laugh and his heart's desire was to continue to do so as he walked through his battle with cancer. Rich loved his Heavenly Father and used his battle as an opportunity to share the light of God's love with everyone he could. He was given the opportunity to touch the hearts and lives of countless people and an amazing ability to see the humor in nearly every situation.

Richard was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, John and Azalee Barnett, paternal grandparents, Paul and Marie Lawrence, uncle, Donnie Barnett, and "oldest adopted stepbrother," Arturo "Jam" Jaramillo. Richard's memory is celebrated by his wife, Heather, daughter, Allison Wilson (Collin), sons Zane Lawrence and Micah Watson, parents, Leslie and Jhonnie Lawrence, brother John Lawrence, grandchildren Leo and Lola Weaver and Maclin and Lincoln Wilson, and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. Many of those friends were made through Richard's work in the family business, Leslie's Outdoor Power, where he was a mechanic, salesman, manager, pickup and delivery driver, parts manager, and general comic relief, known to himself as "the man!"

Richard will be honored at his home-going celebration on Saturday, August 3 at 10:00 AM at Woodland Hills Baptist Church.

Richard loved color and his colorful personality brightened our days. Please join us in celebrating his life by wearing your brightest colors.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:7-8

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Mary Crowley Cancer Research Center, which is doing so much to extend the quantity and quality of the lives of their patients.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the service has been moved from Macedonia Baptist Church to Woodland Hills Baptist Church.

Please visit Richard's online registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Woodland Hills Baptist Church  
2105 E Loop 281  
Longview, TX 75605

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Richard Lawrence Funeral Service*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - August 03, 2024 at 03:33 PM



“ *Angie & Micah Nichols planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lawrence.*

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**Angie & Micah Nichols** - August 03, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Lawrence.*



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August 03, 2024 at 12:05 PM

GS

“ We lived across the road from where Richard grew Up. Richard and his brother John came over to Our house to play with my two KIDS. When it was Time to go home (Mom had called) about ONE HOUR later I thought I had heard something in The dining room I walked in to see I heard it again I pulled the tablecloth up, AND I FOUND RICHARD HIDING UNDER THE TABLE I ASK HIM JUST HOW LONG HE HAD BEEN THERE ? He said oh not Too long I just wanted to stay a little so I thought This be a good place to hide!! We never let Him Live it Down.  
One more thing. RICHARD ALWAYS TOLD ME THAT HE was going to join the NAVY (like his DAD) and Be a cook on that ship. And he was going to have “ 8 “ KIDS. I have always claimed HIM as my own❤️  
Gayle Still ❤️💋🙏🌸

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Gayle Still - August 03, 2024 at 07:55 AM

JH

“ So sorry to hear about your families loss. Richard will truly be missed by your family and your customers with the business. I could always count on him to help with my mower needs and knew he would be honest and dependable. He was always friendly and helpful. My sympathies and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Janice Huffman

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Janice Huffman - August 02, 2024 at 07:43 PM



“ 231 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - August 02, 2024 at 04:09 PM

RS

“ *Heather and family - we are sending up prayers for strength and comfort for your grief. We know that our Lord has some special hugs for each of you. Richard will be missed by us all! Your friends at Innovative Solutions Services.*

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**Reeva Jordan Brad Clement Will Sherman** - August 01, 2024 at 04:29 PM

HW

“ *Richard and my mom were cancer patients together at Mary Crowley. My parents, Robert and Teresa Bagwell, thought very highly of Richard. Our family is so sorry for your loss, we will be praying for peace and comfort.*  
*Hollie Wheeler*

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**Hollie Wheeler** - July 31, 2024 at 06:39 PM

LH

“ I had a working relationship with Richard that turned into a friendship.

*Having Richard as a friend was a true blessing!*

*I will miss him.*

*Larry Hall*

*Smith's South Central*

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**Larry Hall** - July 31, 2024 at 01:10 PM

AB

“ so sorry to hear the news of Richard.. My deepest condolences to you and Jhonnie along with Heather and the children and for the passing of Jam..May Gods mercy be with you and the family now and forever.. sincerely, Al Bettis and the Smiths South Central family.

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**ALVIN C BETTIS** - July 31, 2024 at 09:23 AM

MP

“ As a cousin of Richard, I have known him all his life. I can say with much confidence that back in the day our family reunions were always much more lively when he and John Paul were there!! As an adult, I have come to admire the man he became. A devoted husband, son and dad. Loved the Lord and walked out his faith. Praying for Heather, Jhonnie and Leslie and his children in the coming days and months. Pay the peace that he knew and passes all understanding be with you and comfort you. Milinda

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**Milinda Pinson** - July 30, 2024 at 07:49 PM

BT

*Joe and I are so sorry for your loss. Joe has taken our lawn mower to your shop for a lot of years. He always enjoyed visiting with Richard. A wonderful man. God is with you and will be in the coming days.*

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**Barbara and Joe Tolleison** - July 30, 2024 at 10:32 PM

PS

“ Paul and Janice Smith purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard Lawrence.



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Paul and Janice Smith - July 30, 2024 at 05:14 PM

RK

“ How grateful, thankful and blessed I feel to have known and loved Richard. Heather, Allie, Zane, Micah, Jhonnie and Leslie- I'm praying God's peace, comfort and strength along with hope and joy as you celebrate and mourn your earthly loss. I so wish I could be there with y'all. Love, Rhonda and Steve

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rhonda keysor - July 29, 2024 at 10:35 PM

JF

“ Jon and mitzi fontenot planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lawrence.

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Jon and mitzi fontenot - July 29, 2024 at 08:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Lawrence.



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July 29, 2024 at 08:37 PM