



Richard Burford Hancock

February 18, 1934 - September 24, 2022

Mr. Richard B. Hancock, age 88, of Wilmington, NC passed away early Saturday morning, September 24, 2022 at Lower Cape Fear Life Care in Wilmington, NC following an extended illness. Mr. Hancock was born February 18, 1934 to the late Hiram Hancock and the late Cora Minchew Hancock.

The following is a tribute of personal memories written by Mary Ann Griffin for her father.

My brother and sisters and I have had a great Dad for our 60+++ years. He was always our protector, provider, teacher and our inspiration of what to be in our own life. He was raised from humble beginnings in Brantley County. He was sent to military school for most of his education. He came to Douglas, Georgia to attend Douglas High School and graduated in 1952. Daddy has always cherished his friends from school. Daddy met the love of his life while attending Douglas High School, a little cheerleader named Joanna Meeks caught his eye. They married on July 28, 1956. This past July they celebrated 66yrs of marriage.

Never one to sit on his laurels, Daddy always had a job. He worked delivering CocaCola all thru the small towns of South Georgia. We found that he had served in the Merchant Marines. He soon joined the United States Navy. He

served during the Vietnam War. He has numerous accommodations from his Navy Commanders for his eye for detail and mastering every skill level needed during the Vietnam War.. Daddy stayed with the Federal government beginning his career with the Federal Aviation Administration in 1969. The FAA sent him to numerous training programs in Oklahoma City which he completed successfully each year! He ended his career with the FAA at the age of 70.

He loved his farm, tending his pine trees, and riding the tractor. I told him one time if he ever got sick, I knew how to keep him occupied. He said how is that? I told him I would load him up and drive him to the woods so he could sit! He love watching his wild life, I think he had the turkey and deer named.

Daddy was a very generous man, giving his time to us as children. I think you could say my siblings and I were worse than sprayed roaches- 4 of us running in all directions.

He planted greens every year spring and fall for the food bank in Burgaw, NC. He donated deer meat for that same food bank.

Twice a year Mom and Daddy would come to Douglas, GA for a week or two. He always brought cemetery flowers for his loved ones. He considered the Moore's and Meeks his family. And we always made a trip to Hortense, Ga where his mother and great grandmother are buried. He never missed placing flowers on his good friend Linton Brown's grave.

The children of Richard Hancock have inherited a lot of our traits from our parents! I can say being stubborn, being precise, OCD ish. He leaves behind his Joanna Hancock loving wife of 66 yrs plus the years of dating! 4 children Mary Ann, spouse T.C.Griffin, Ricky Hancock, Debbie, spouse David Dunbar and Cheryl Hancock and significant other Patrick Metze. He has 7 grandsons

Billy, Phillip, David, spouse Robin, John, spouse Christina, Joseph, Samuel and William. 5 great grand children Mary Joanna, Annsleigh, Kaitlyn, Rylee and Lincoln. All coming from 2 amazing people from South Georgia.

The Funeral Service was held, Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Chapel of Ricketson Funeral Home with Rev. Donnie Kirkland officiating. The Interment followed at Douglas City Cemetery, with Military Rites being furnished by the U,. S. Navy Personnel from Jacksonville, FL, including Taps, Flag Detail, and presentation of the Flag.

Active Pallbearers were: William "Billy" Custer, IV, Phillip Paul Dunbar, David Richard Dunbar, John Richard Lott, Joseph James Henegar, Samuel Keith Henegar and William Marcus Dunbar.

Special Musical Selections, "Amazing Grace" was presented by CD Music of Alan Jackson, "Go Rest High on that Mountain" was presented by CD Music of Vince Gill and "In the Garden" was presented by CD music of Alan Jackson.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.ricketsonfunerlahome.com.

Ricketson Funeral Home was in charge of the Arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Douglas City Cemetery

1622 North Gaskin Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home Chapel
305 West Ward Street
Douglas, GA 31533

Funeral Service

OCT 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

OCT 1. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ricketson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Burford Hancock*



Ricketson Funeral Home - October 01, 2022 at 08:50 AM

JT

*Many memories. We will miss you, Richard.
Jim(my) Tanner*

Jim Tanner - October 10, 2022 at 02:36 AM



“ *Richard Burford Hancock*

November 08, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Burford Hancock.*



October 11, 2022 at 08:56 AM



“ 82 files added to the album Life Tributes



Ricketson Funeral Home - October 01, 2022 at 08:42 AM



“ Angela, Miranda, Emily, Lucas and Jacob purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Richard Burford Hancock.



Angela, Miranda, Emily, Lucas and Jacob - September 30, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ Your management team you keep in line. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard Burford Hancock.



Your management team you keep in line. - September 28, 2022 at 10:15 AM

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“ Larry, Dan and Shay purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Burford Hancock.



Larry, Dan and Shay - September 28, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Burford Hancock.



September 27, 2022 at 09:09 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Burford Hancock.



September 27, 2022 at 06:52 AM

DB

“*Mary Ann, u have me crying like a baby!! The tribute to your daddy was just so so—Sweet, Kind, Loving, Thoughtful, Wonderful, and just Absolutely Precious.*

I don't doubt one word that u said.

Dont you know he is sitting in heaven just grinning from ear to ear!!

I hope I didn't invade on your privacy. After reading all those special words, I just had to comment.

Please remember that everyone doesn't have those precious memories growing up.

Please give your mother a special hug for me. Sending Hugs and Prayers to all the family.

Don't worry your brain any longer. You and I don't know each other. I just had to respond after reading your post.



Deborah Boyd - September 26, 2022 at 07:40 PM