



Richard Allen Graves

June 10, 1964 - February 16, 2025

Richard Graves, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of warmth, laughter, and an enduring love for life.

Richard is survived by his devoted wife, Michelle; his children, Zak (Whitney), Abby (Jason), Allison, Emily (Josh), and Printes; and his cherished grandchildren, Charles, Benjamin, Ara, and Sawyer. He also leaves behind his brothers, Barry, Mike, and Lee, and many extended family members and friends who will forever remember his spirit.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen, and his father, Sammy, whose love and guidance shaped the man Richard became.

For 14 years, Richard worked proudly at Carpenter Bus, where he found fulfillment in his job and formed lasting relationships with coworkers and clients. His positive energy and commitment to excellence were truly a testament to his character. An avid fan of the Tennessee Volunteers, Richard never missed a chance to show his love for his team. Whether cheering from home or gathering with friends, his passion for the Vols was always contagious.

Richard was a loyal member of the Elks Lodge and a pillar in his community. He took great joy in being part of something larger than himself and in connecting with people from all walks of life. His smile, sense of humor, and genuine kindness made him a light in every room he entered. Richard was known for never meeting a stranger, and his ability to make everyone feel like

family was one of his greatest gifts.

Richard's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him, and he will be deeply missed. He brought joy and love wherever he went, and his presence will be felt forever by those lucky enough to call him a friend