



Richard Bryant

August 6, 1953 - March 20, 2026

Richard Wayne Bryant, lovingly known as “Bonehead” in his younger years and “Daddy Rich” in his golden years, took his last, slow stroll out of this life to meet his awaiting best friend and wife Marsha Davis Bryant on March 20, 2026.

Richard spent his 72 years on this earth living an exciting life to the fullest. He was an expert craftsman bricklayer for close to 45 years. He loved telling stories of the beautiful homes, businesses and other structures he created and making connections to those that he created them for. No one could lay a brick better than Richard “Bonehead” Bryant! He received the nickname “Bonehead” due to his many hard hits from falling out of trees to once getting hit by a car on the town Square! He never failed to bounce back better than he was before! Then came his favorite nickname, “Daddy Rich”, which was bestowed upon him by his first granddaughter, Ella-Katherine. He quickly became

everyone's Daddy Rich! His greatest honor was being the absolute best girl dad, ever!

He would tell anyone that would listen how much he loved his girls, especially his

"Scooter B"!

Richard and Marsha lived their lives loving others. Their gift of hospitality was shared

with everyone they met from crawfish boils in the backyard to catfish fries at the cabin,

Richard loved being surrounded by friends. Most afternoons after a hard day laying

brick, he would relax at the backyard bar or on the patio with friends that would pass by

and stop for a visit.

There wasn't a single thing Richard couldn't accomplish! He loved a challenge, from

buying an airplane and learning to fly to being a commercial fisherman with his best

friend Johnny, he excelled. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved to travel. He

cherished his trips out West with his best friends to hunt elk, mule deer and a good time!

He loved to travel with Marsha and his daughter Libbi. Visits to Cades Cove, weekend

getaways to the cabin, Sunday afternoon drives, and adventures on the river with his

"Clark Family" were his most cherished memories. He and his best friend Johnny

Morgan were notorious for the giant catfish they would haul out of Sardis

Lake! The
tales those two could tell were worthy of a novel!

Nothing made Richard happier in the last year than a visit from a friend,
especially his
Friday visits with Ray Bob, chats with A.K., rowdy encounters with Amelia and
Beau
Spencer, a milkshake break with Brenda, Wednesday's with Kenneth, a cold
Coke Zero
and a shot of hot sauce on everything he ate! He cherished every single
visitor that
took the time to sit with him. They all truly meant the world to him.
Richard leaves behind his daughter Libbi Bryant Havelin and Daniel,
grandchildren Ella-
Katherine, Caroline, Walker and Zoe Havelin, Brother Kenneth Bryant
(Berneda),
cherished friends A.K. and Brenda Morgan, Cousin Steve Holiday and a host
of
nephews and nieces. He also leaves the very best friends and caregivers,
Ray Bob Nabors, MaryAnn Ewing, Abbey Allmond, Candy Pannell, Mindy
Meeks, Darlene
Jackson, Stephanie Garner, Flip Jackson and the Diversicare Staff.
He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Marsha Bryant, parents Calvin
and
Katherine Bryant, and in-laws J.W. and Jean Davis.

A private service for the family will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Maryann Ewing lit a candle in memory of Richard Bryant*



Maryann Ewing - March 28 at 04:05 PM

PH

“ *Perry & Pat Harrington*



Pat Harrington - March 24 at 01:49 PM

KJ

“ *Kathi Mauldin Johnson lit a candle in memory of Richard Bryant*



Kathi Mauldin Johnson - March 24 at 08:13 AM

VM

“ *Van Malone lit a candle in memory of Richard Bryant*



Van Malone - March 23 at 11:45 PM

TG

“ *Terrye Grisham lit a candle in memory of Richard Bryant*



Terrye Grisham - March 23 at 10:00 PM

MM

“ *Mary Martin lit a candle in memory of Richard Bryant*



Mary Martin - March 23 at 09:52 PM

WD

“ *Wayne And Teressa Davis lit a candle in memory of Richard Bryant*



wayne and teressa davis - March 23 at 03:25 PM