



Richard Applebury

April 3, 1948 - September 3, 2022

A celebration of the life of Richard Applebury will be held 10 A.M. on Saturday, September 10, 2022 in the Legislative Chamber at Georgia Military College..

Richard Wayne Applebury of Milledgeville passed away peacefully in his sleep Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Richard was born in Milledgeville on April 3rd, 1948 to Richard Earl and Bess Bridges Applebury. Growing up, he most enjoyed his time playing football for the Milledgeville Midget All Stars coached by Freddy Layton, and later the Georgia Military College Bulldogs coached by Parnell Ruark. After graduating with distinction from GMC in 1966, Richard attended the University of Georgia on an ROTC scholarship. During his time at UGA he was elected to the Freshman Men's Council, was a member of the Pershing Rifles drill team, and a duly initiated brother of Chi Psi fraternity. Known as "King" to many of his brothers, Richard's years as a Chi Psi were some of the best in his life. He served as chapter president, helped start new chapters at Clemson and Ole Miss, as well as made numerous lifelong friends. Richard always said if you did right in this world, you would come back in the next as a freshman at the University of Georgia. Following his time in Athens, Richard began his lifelong career in the antique and historic perseveration business. His love of history and persevering the past stayed with him until the end. He

was a member of the Midwest Tool Collectors Association, served for six years on the Milledgeville Historic Preservation Commission, and volunteered with Georgia's Old Capitol Museum. Although Richard was not an active member of any congregation he was a man of deep faith, Having spent many Sundays with his grandfather the Rev. R.L. Bridges, Sr. He found tremendous comfort in nature during his morning walks at Lockerly Arboretum and the Oconee River Greenway. Richard was preceded in death by his beloved parents Richard and Bess Applebury.

He is survived by his three children, Sarah Agnes Applebury, Daniel Wesley Applebury, and Olympia Applebury, his former wife of twenty-seven years Sheree Spillers Applebury, as well as his grand-cat, 2 Chainz, who he affectionately called "Kitty Boy". The family will have a private burial.

A Memorial service will be announced

. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Georgia Military College Scholarship fund or the Jenna Baugh Montgomery Cancer Support fund.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Legislative Chamber at Georgia Military College
201 E. Greene Street
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Wesley and family,
So sorry for your loss; sending you all
prayers!
-Susan McGill and family



Susan McGill - September 12, 2022 at 04:58 PM

DB

“ Richard was a close friends for over 60 years starting in the 8th grade at Baldwin High School. His Mom Bess was the strictest English teacher. We both started at GMC in the 9th grade. Boy could he ever polish his shoes and brass! We both spent 4 years of high school there where he excelled academically. I caught up with him 3 years later at UGA. Neither of us were in a rush to graduate. After college we stayed in touch in Milledgeville. I fixed up Richard up on a blind date with Sheree Spillars that led to 3 smart kids. Richard & Sheree hosted my fortieth birthday which I think was a lot of fun. Later in life Richard could often be found shooting snooker with Parnell Rouark. He, Richard was a scholar in history and one of a kind! He will be missed. Don Braxley

Don Braxley - September 09, 2022 at 05:14 PM

LO

“ Sarah, Wesley and Olympia-We are so very sorry for your loss. We love you all. Lori & Anna

Lori - September 09, 2022 at 01:13 PM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Richard's Family & Friends during this very sad and difficult time. Billy and Richard were teammates throughout their childhood and at GMC High School. They remained lifelong friends. There was always a lively conversation and lots of laughter whenever they were together.
Rest In Peace, Dear Richard.
Jean Boone & Family



Jean Boone - September 09, 2022 at 10:48 AM

RJ

“ Rita A Judy lit a candle in memory of Richard Applebury



Rita A Judy - September 08, 2022 at 10:11 PM

LD

“ Richard and I met when he moved here in third grade. We attended grammar school and high school together. Richard was a good friend
I am thankful for all the time we spent together
Condolences to his family.

Larry Davis - September 08, 2022 at 02:40 PM

WB

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful friend to me and many others. We had many of the same interest. I have a picture from the Union Recorder of that Midget All Star team with everyones name below it. We had a nice conversation about that year during his sickness. Will be glad to share it. I have some copies should any of the family or friends want one. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Wayne Burgamy

Wayne Burgamy - September 07, 2022 at 01:22 PM

JR

“ Dear Wesley and family,
Sending thoughts and prayers to you during this difficult time.

jill Roberts - September 07, 2022 at 07:28 AM

BC

“ Richard was one of the best friends I ever had.
My brother Jim and I considered him a second brother, when the three of us "ran together" back in the decade of the 1970s.
We had many adventures as well as misadventures, most of which have become more and more embellished as the years have gone by.
I especially enjoyed discussing history with Richard, although his breadth and depth of knowledge in that area far exceeded mine.
Sitting in the rocking chairs on my grandmother's front porch, we must have refought the War Between the States about a hundred times.
Richard was a fine man, and I will greatly miss him.

Bill Carey - September 07, 2022 at 02:43 AM

EW

“ A good guy in school and in life. Judy and I knew him in high school and had seen him in all the places mentioned in his obituary. A kind fellow, kind of quiet in his younger years. The epitome of his mothers quiet determination and demeanor. We will miss him. He accomplished a lot more than he spoke of, in his growing up days. He was just that way.

Eddie Williams - September 06, 2022 at 10:45 PM

JS

“ James Snellgrove lit a candle in memory of Richard Applebury



James Snellgrove - September 06, 2022 at 10:11 PM

JD

“ My sincere condolences to all of his family and friends. He will be truly missed by all. RIP, my friend.

Jim Durden - September 06, 2022 at 08:48 PM