



Richard B. Norton

June 5, 1948 - July 27, 2024

Richard B. Norton, age 76, went to heaven on July 27, 2024. Richard was born in Hueytown, AL, on June 5, 1948, to Walter and Claudine Norton. He graduated from Hueytown High School in 1966 and from Birmingham Southern College in 1991 with a degree in Accounting. He was retired from the Social Security Administration. Richard was an active member of Huffman United Methodist Church for 44 years and a member of the Phoenix Sunday School class. Richard and his beloved wife, Anita, were married for 45 years and had the BEST time together! They loved concerts and plays and attended many over the years. As dedicated Parrotheads, they thoroughly enjoyed their Jimmy Buffett concerts. They cherished time spent with family and good friends. Richard and Anita often hung out in coffee shops, where they met people who became lifelong friends. They were best friends and their life together was full and rich. Richard's legacy is his love for and kindness to others. He took Jesus' admonition to "love one another" seriously. He was genuinely interested in the lives of the people around him, especially young people, whom he loved to nurture and encourage. Richard believed in offering random acts of kindness. One of his favorite things to do was buy a handful of Starbucks gift cards and pass them out to strangers who looked like they could use a little brightness in

their day. He lived life joyfully and will also be remembered for his wild socks and funky sunglasses!

Richard is survived by his wife, Anita Hazelrig Norton, and his adoring furbabies,

Emmy Lou and Molly; his sister and brother-in-law, Vicki and Rick Parsons; his

brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mickey and Sandra Hazelrig. Richard and Anita

did not have children of their own, so he poured his love into his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews: Chris Hazelrig (Lori) and their children Jenna and Lucas; Suzanne Kellams (Ken) and their children Kayla and

McKenzie; Kasey Jones and her children Ryann and Caleb; and Wes Parsons (Stacey) and their children Finley and Hayes. He is also survived by his chosen

daughter, Tammy Schatz, and a host of extended family and friends.

A visitation will be held on Friday, August 2, 2024, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at

Huffman United Methodist Church, followed by the Celebration of Life service at

11:00 am, with Rev. Angela Martin and Rev. Donna Godwin officiating. In lieu of

flowers, donations may be made to Huffman United Methodist Church, 711 Gene

Reed Road, Birmingham, AL 35235.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Huffman United Methodist Church
711 Gene Reed Road
Birmingham, AL 35235

Celebration of Life

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so saddened to hear of Richard’s passing. I only met Anita and Richard once when they made the trip to Oregon but it was as though I had known them both forever. I’ll never play another Jimmy Buffett song sitting on my front porch swing without remembering Richard. Richard made a huge impression on everyone he met. May he rest in peace. Mark Vickers

Mark Vickers - August 02, 2024 at 07:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard B. Norton.



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“ It has been a blessing to have attended church with Richard over the last 30 years. What a positive influence he has been on this congregation. His friendliness was an important part of every gathering. Richard will be missed and long remembered.

Hugh Bryant

Hugh Bryant - July 30, 2024 at 01:46 PM