



Mr. Richard Mike Rhea

December 5, 1955 - December 28, 2025

Richard Mike Rhea, beloved father and friend, passed away on Sunday, December 28, 2025, in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his parents, Woodson and Beulah Rhea, and his sister, Annie Mae Hall.

Born in Johnson City, Tennessee, Mike was known for his love of life and sense of humor. Mike was known for his generous nature and never met a stranger. One of his favorite pastimes was cheering on the Alabama football team.

Mike graduated from Science Hill High School and East Tennessee State University. He retired from East Tennessee State University after 44 years of service as Assistant Director of Athletic Administration.

He leaves to cherish his memories: daughters Belinda Bachman (Tyrone) of Marietta, GA; Tiffany Rhea of Knoxville, TN; stepdaughters Rachel Rentz of Florida, and Bridgette Anderson of Georgia. Sisters Mary Alice Whiteside, Carolyn Chubb, and Vanessa Stephens, all of Johnson City, TN. Brothers Carl (Francine), Lawrence (Linda), John, and Joe Rhea, all of Johnson City, TN, and Robert Rhea of Clinton, MD. Grandchildren Ashley and Courtney Rentz, LeVar Rhea, TyAsia and Reyzon Bachman, Prince and Shelton Anderson, Joseph, Jada, and Kiara Rhea. Also, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and fond friends whom he loved and that loved him dearly.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Birchette Mortuary & Cremation Service, Inc.
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

TR

“ *My condolences to the family.* 🙏

Tiffany Ryans - January 29 at 12:28 PM



“ *Julie Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Julie Peterson - January 20 at 11:36 AM

BD

“ *Beth Dugger lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Beth Dugger - January 20 at 10:19 AM

RR

“ *Ron Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Ron Ray - January 11 at 08:51 AM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Melvin Drumgoole - January 10 at 09:22 AM

DO

“ *Debbie Oaks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Debbie Oaks - January 07 at 06:33 PM

LJ

“ *Louis Locke Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Louis Locke Jr - January 04 at 12:27 PM

EV

“ *Estelle Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Estelle Vaughan - January 04 at 07:44 AM

DS

“ *Deborah Simmons-Grey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Deborah Simmons-Grey - January 03 at 06:34 PM

RS

“ *May GOD strengthen your family during this time. My condolences*

Regina Smith - January 03 at 05:44 PM

MJ

“ *Rest in peace Uncle Mike. I'll never forget your calm , cool spirit. You will be missed.*

Mary Hall Jackson - January 03 at 01:52 PM

LC

“ *Linda Chambers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Linda Chambers - January 02 at 11:49 PM

KM

“ *Karen Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Karen Morrison - January 02 at 08:32 PM

TB

“ *Tonya Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Tonya Bradley - January 02 at 08:06 PM

ML

“ *Mary Latham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Mary Latham - January 02 at 12:27 PM

CG

“ *Claudia Goines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Claudia Goines - January 02 at 08:15 AM

VM

My condolence to the family .

Viki M Montague - January 02 at 10:52 AM

VN

“ *Veral Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Veral Neal - January 01 at 10:49 PM

PD

“ *Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Pauline Douglas - January 01 at 07:04 PM

SB

“ *Sylvia Bachman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Sylvia Bachman - January 01 at 05:23 PM

TT

“ *Tom Trent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Tom Trent - January 01 at 09:42 AM

SI

“ *Susie Inman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Susie Inman - January 01 at 06:10 AM

LB

“ *Lisa Brady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Lisa Brady - January 01 at 02:45 AM

GW

“ *George Raymond Warren sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



George Raymond Warren - January 01 at 02:44 AM

CB

“ *Charles Bufford sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Charles Bufford - December 31, 2025 at 11:10 PM

WJ

“ *William H Hill Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



William H Hill Jr. - December 31, 2025 at 10:59 PM



“ *Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Linda Workman - December 31, 2025 at 10:33 PM

LB

“ *Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - December 31, 2025 at 10:23 PM

GF

“ *Gary & Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Gary & Moricina Fain - December 31, 2025 at 09:31 PM

KT

“ Keitha Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea



Keitha Thompson - December 31, 2025 at 06:48 PM

LP

“ Lori Parks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea



Lori Parks - December 31, 2025 at 03:44 PM

KK

“ Kevin Kennard purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea.



Kevin Kennard - December 31, 2025 at 01:59 PM

FL

“ Frazier Lyons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea

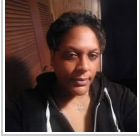


Frazier Lyons - December 31, 2025 at 01:27 PM

PS

“ *Our condolences and prayers for all the families.
May our Lord bring peace and comfort to all.*

Phillip Shade - December 31, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ *Praying praying up* 🙏❤️🙏❤️



Johnetta Bachman - December 31, 2025 at 01:16 PM

RF

“ *Renea Hall & Family sent a virtual gift in
memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Renea Hall & Family - December 31, 2025 at 01:10 PM

DH

“ *Belinda im sorry to hear about your dad your family is in my prayers*
🙏🙏🙏🙏

Delores Harris - December 31, 2025 at 12:29 PM

DH

“ *Doris Hampton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Doris Hampton - December 31, 2025 at 12:28 PM

BA

“ *Babby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Babby - December 31, 2025 at 11:13 AM

MA

“ *Margo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Margo - December 31, 2025 at 10:49 AM

GB

“ *G.L And Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



G.L and Trish Bristol - December 30, 2025 at 07:55 PM

VR

“ *Van Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Van Rollins - December 30, 2025 at 04:07 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Ann James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Mary Ann James - December 30, 2025 at 03:27 PM

MS

“ *Mack Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



mack stevens - December 30, 2025 at 02:29 PM

BB

“ *1 file added to the album Best Daddy Ever Richard "Mike" Rhea*

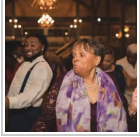


Belinda Bachman - December 30, 2025 at 01:32 PM

AS

My deepest condolences to you and your family

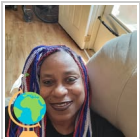
Anna Hairston Smith - December 30, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ *Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Carolyn Fain - December 30, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ *Nancy Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Nancy Adams - December 29, 2025 at 08:59 PM

VP

“ *Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea*



Viola Patton - December 29, 2025 at 08:00 PM

JA

“ Jaymon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea



Jaymon - December 29, 2025 at 06:06 PM

GR

“ Gina Rhyans sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Mike Rhea



Gina Rhyans - December 29, 2025 at 05:32 PM

GR

Prayers for the family

Gina Rhyans - December 29, 2025 at 05:32 PM

DT

I always enjoyed Mike's company as we worked together on many occasions over quite a number of years. He always made my day better and brighter. He was a great person and he will be missed by me and many others. Heartfelt condolences to the family. We will meet again.

Doug Taylor - January 01 at 09:33 AM