



Richard Cannon

February 8, 1943 - July 17, 2020

James "Richard" Cannon, age 77 of Springfield passed away Friday, July 17, 2020 at Vanderbilt Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 2pm to 4pm Sunday, July 19th and again 11am to 1pm Monday at the funeral home. The funeral service will be at 1pm on Monday with Bro. Kenneth Wayne Head and Bro. Jeff Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Springfield Memorial Gardens.

He was born February 8, 1943 in Coopertown, TN to the late Robert and Myrtle Wilson Cannon. He was also preceded in death by a son, John Richard Cannon; brothers, Don Cannon, Jerry Cannon and sister, Ann Cannon Smith. He was an educator for the Robertson County Board of Education. He loved playing and teaching guitar, hosted a local radio program and wrote and published books of poems.

He is survived by his wife, Carole Brown Cannon; daughter, Terina Carol (Ron) Garrison; grandson, Dustin Fuller (Maggie) Garrison; great-grandchildren, Raylan Fuller Garrison and Landon Lee Garrison.

Pallbearers will be William Brown, Jody Brown, Tony Cobb, Trent Cobb, Anthony Cobb and Bill Wilson.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Any donations may be mailed to Austin & Bell, 509 Walnut St., Springfield, TN 37172.

Cemetery Details

Springfield Memorial Gardens

Springfield, TN 37172

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
509 Walnut St.
Springfield, TN 37172
(615) 384-1000
<https://austinandbell.com>

Visitation

JUL 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUL **20**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RC

“ *Richard has been a real friend to me from being my 7th grade teacher on. His guitar playing and teaching I still use and value to this day. A friend and gentleman in every way. His life has made this world a better place*

Roger Carroll - July 19, 2020 at 07:01 PM

AK

“ *Ann Krisle lit a candle in memory of Richard Cannon*



Ann Krisle - July 19, 2020 at 05:14 PM

LR

“ Carole, Terina and family,

I'm so sorry to read of Richard's passing. I pray for God to comfort you and give you strength and peace to face the coming days without him. I haven't seen Richard since his mom's funeral and I can still see the big smile on his face as he introduced you and I to each other. His great love for you was evidenced in that smile.

Richard and I were classmates and friends for the twelve wonderful years we spent at Coopertown School. In our elementary years after school, he, Jimmy and I would ride our bikes to Jack Chambliss store where we would shoot basketball until time to go home for supper. In high school, Richard and I were the Co-leads in our junior play. We had so much fun doing the play--except for enduring tons of white talc put in our hair to make us look the parts of an elderly couple!

Richard was so smart and always worked hard on his studies. That paid off with his being named valedictorian of our graduating class.

I am so blessed to have so many childhood memories of growing up in Coopertown. I think of those times so often and wouldn't trade that experience for anything.

God bless and keep you always in his care.

*Linda Stark Reeder,
Friend and classmate
Coopertown High Class of 1961*

linda stark reeder - July 19, 2020 at 03:37 PM

YS

“ *Carole, we are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Richard. May you and your family feel the peace of God now and in the weeks to come.*

Bob and Yvonne Lee Sowell

yvonne Sowell - July 19, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ *65 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - July 19, 2020 at 12:16 PM

LB

“ *Linda L Binkley lit a candle in memory of Richard Cannon*



Linda L Binkley - July 19, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Cannon.*



July 18, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ *Richard was a true gentleman with a kind spirit and a great sense of humor. I loved hearing stories about his friends at the Grand Ole Opry and catching up at Bill's Barbershop. A fine Christian example. He will be missed by so many.*

Chet & Rachel Duke - July 18, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ *Richard was a good man. I knew his family for just about all my life, from his mother Myrtle to his brothers Jerry and Don, and his sister Ann. He was a good educator, and good citizen of his community, and Springfield and Robertson County are better off because he chose to call them home. Richard was a talented guitar player, and I recall when he was just a boy and he and Jimmy Wilson did a radio broadcast from the old WDBL studio when it was still on Main Street in Springfield. I did a couple of guest appearances on his show, and it was always a lot of fun. He will be missed by family and friends, and I'm sure he has gone on to a better place, to be reunited with all his loved ones who have gone before. May he rest in Peaceful Slumber for Eternity, in a home far more than the one he is leaving behind.*

Don Harp - July 18, 2020 at 07:13 PM

RR

“ So sorry for your loss! Prayers 🙏🙏🙏 Mr. Cannon was a great teacher.

Ricky and Mary Russell Rigsby - July 18, 2020 at 06:25 PM