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Richard Melvin Yearsley Jr., aged 73 of Webster, Texas passed away on April 24th, 2021. Richard was born July 21, 1947 to Richard Melvin Yearsley Sr. and Beatrice Elizabeth Yearsley, in Woodbury, NJ. Richard met Kathy Louise Taylor in 1969 at the Stardust Club in Long Beach, California where Kathey worked at the time. They immediately fell in love, and he married her on September 19, 1970 in Los Angeles, California.

Richard was a Payroll Supervisor and Head Accountant for Austin Industries from 1974 until he retired in 2011.

Richard was a United States Navy Veteran. He was a Third Class Radioman assigned to the USS Vernon County LST-1161. He enlisted in April of 1966 and was honorably discharged from the Navy in April of 1972. He received a total of 13 medals including awards, citations, and campaign ribbons.

Richard was a member of the League City Concert Band where he was the bands lead drummer. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Webster for twenty plus years. At the church, he was a Trustee. He was also a member of the church choir, bell choir, and would regularly perform music specials.

Richard's hobbies included spending time with his wife, kids, granddaughters, and Great Grandchildren. Saying he loved music is an understatement. In his lifetime, he learned and mastered the drums. He also loved playing and self taught: The harmonica, piano, and xylophone. He had a beautiful deep tenor voice, and loved to dance. He loved all genres of music, but his favorite was classic Rock and Roll. More specifically, his favorite band was The Beach Boys. He loved playing x-box games with his Granddaughters, and regularly played board games and cards with his family. He wrote poetry, and loved all things that challenged him intellectually. He loved woodworking, and working in his "shop". He built furniture, and refurnished things around the house. He was a jack of all trade, and our families "handyman". He was a snazzy



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dresser, and his favorite past times were fast cars and freedom. He was full of laughter, and enjoyed an audience for his shenanigans and comradery. He was quick witted, and very intelligent. He was stern, but fair. He had a big heart, and always gave the best advice. He was charismatic, and made an impact on everyone he met. To sum Richard up; He was a God-fearing, patriotic man who worked hard to provide for his family. He was an amazing brother, a wonderful husband, a great father, the coolest grandfather, and an honorable friend. Best of all, he gave the best hugs.

Richard was survived by his wife Kathey Louise Yearsley, of Webster, Texas.

Two daughters: Hiley Schlesinger, of Texas. Edna Stickley, and spouse John Stickey of Texas. Two sons: Timmy Bedwell, of Arkansas. Kenny Bedwell, of Texas. Six Granddaughters: Shanelle Schlesinger, of Georgia. Amber Jordan and spouse Josh Jordan, of Georgia. Courtney Schlesinger and fiancé Jody Clemons, of Texas. Natalie Schlesinger, of Texas. Brianna Stickley, of Texas. Jonica Stickley, of Texas. Three great Grandchildren: Cadence Porter, of Georgia. Ian Adkerson, of Georgia. Ruthie Jordan, of Georgia. Two Sisters: Sandra Yearsley Swink, and spouse Robert Swink of California. Christine Yearsley Dzienis and spouse Chester Dzienis, of Oregon. One Brother: George Yearsley, of California.

Taps

Day is done, Gone the sun,
From the lake, From the hill,
From the sky.
All is well, Safely rest,
God is nigh.

Thanks and praise, For our days,
Neath the sun, Neath the stars,
Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know,
God is nigh.



Events


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Visitation

 **Thursday**, May 6, 2021

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

 **South Park Funeral Home and Crematory**
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581

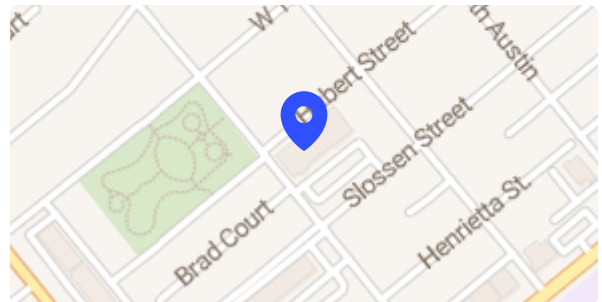


Funeral Service

 **Friday**, May 7, 2021


 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM CT

 **First Baptist Church**
420 Slossen St, , Webster TX 77598



Interment

 **Friday**, May 7, 2021

 12:30 PM CT

 **South Park Cemetery**
1310 North Main St., Pearland TX 77581





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Terri Dzienis posted:

Richard was my Uncle Richy. I didn't get to see him much growing up since we lived far apart. My best memories were off when we got to spend time together in Santa Barbara for my cousin Tara's wedding. We got to hand out to tell series. But the best part was we got to swing dance together at the wedding to some big band music! It was great discovering a kindred spirit of music. I'm happy Uncle Richy is at peace now. Much love to all his family.

May 7 at 1:53 AM



Hiley Schlesinger May 23 at 6:35 PM

He was a great dancer! We used to dance with him in our living room in Kansas. I'm so glad you got to do that with him. Thank you Cousin Terri.



Christine Yearsley Dzienis posted:

Richard was my big brother and I loved him dearly. I love all the memories that we shared with the music and dancing. In our adult lives we lived so very far apart and only saw each other in person a few times. I will always be so very grateful that I was with him and Kathy in September for their 50th anniversary. When we got together it was like we just saw each other yesterday. He took much pride in being a veteran and loved his God and his soulmate, Kathy. I know he will be waiting with open arms when it is my turn to be with him again. I so very much miss his laughter and his devilish smirks. So glad you are at peace my big brother. My love is with you always.

May 6 at 6:13 AM



Hiley Schlesinger May 23 at 6:38 PM

Janet, thank you for your warm, kind words. I'm glad we did that for you. You guys have brought much joy, to or family. And your son's for the love of music they shared.



Adam And Janet Roy May 7 at 12:05 AM

Richards family gets first pride for the welcoming committee at First Baptist Chirch! Feeling welcome for the first time in a church is so important. I was by myself with 7 children, and I was welcomed... we brought visitors and they were also made to feel at home by Richard and his family ❤️👍



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Danelle Starr posted:

Mr. Yearsley was a patient of mine over the last 2 years. He was one of the very first pharmacy customers I had whenever I started working where I am and he made a lasting impression. Needless to say, him and the Misses got the star treatment from our pharmacy. He was a light in the dark and a goofy old man. He's going to be missed so much. I'm sending his family all of my love through this time.

May 3 at 12:51 PM

HS

Hiley Schlesinger May 23 at 6:43 PM

Danelle, thank you for sharing This. It's nice to see that we raised him right....lol, as you know my dad's sense of humor. He & mom used to tell us, that it's our fault, if they didn't turn out right, because "we didn't raise them right"...He was a goofy ole man. Very lovable. Thank you.

PM

Phyllis Mason posted:

Richard, was my Brother in law, and in the Taylor Family for over 50 years, He is going to be missed but we know he is in heaven with his mama and our mama and we will one day be with him there.

May 1 at 1:25 PM



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Triton High School Class Of 1965 shared an album called **Memories Album**.



April 27 at 4:34 AM



Sandy Yearsley Swink (Sister) May 6 at 12:47 PM

Fussy (Richie), A part of my heart has died in losing you. My sadness and pain I cannot hide. You are my brother, my Irish twin, my friend, my mentor, my forever shadow. What a great run we had together in this earthly play called life. The fun fun times we shared, the undying closeness we have as brother and sister. Thank you for keeping your promise and coming home safe from Vietnam. Thank you for your dedication to the military. Thank you for my marrying my Sissy. Keep on dancing, keep playing your music loud, add to the thunder with your drumming, add to the lighting with your belly laugh, add to the song of angels with your beautiful voice. Remember, I am their favorite so enjoy a great time with mommy and daddy until I get there -- I hope to give you plenty of time. My forever unconditional love, Gussy (Sandy)



Triton High School Class Of 1965 April 27 at 4:39 AM

Richard's Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, took another good man and classmate home to be with Him. Our prayers go out to his family and friends. Triton High School Class of 1965



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Triton High School Class Of 1965 shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

April 27 at 4:34 AM



Richard M Yearsley, Jr. Triton Class of 1965



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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