



George "Richard" Williamson Jr.

November 9, 1950 - April 19, 2026

George "Richard" Williamson Jr peacefully passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at the age of 75. Richard was born November 9, 1950, in Marianna, Florida to George and Lula Mae Williamson. He was married to Lura Shaffer Williamson.

Richard grew up in Blountstown, FL. He loved the small-town atmosphere where childhood friends roamed the neighborhoods and parents treated all the kids as their own. Richard was active in boy scouts where he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. The values he learned carried throughout his life. He and some of his buddies formed a band they called "The Mustangs". Richard continued his love of the music of the 50's – 70's even though he didn't play the guitar into his adulthood.

He graduated from Florida State University with a BS in business management. After graduating he went to work as personnel director for Rysco Shipyard. During this time, he was on the board of the W.T. Neal Civic center and active in the Jaycees. Later he was personnel director for Homes and Land Magazine and The Printing House. Richard also served as human resources director and general manager for Seminole Trusses. Richard was a member of the Tallahassee Moose Lodge where he was an officer and an administrator for many years.

During retirement Richard enjoyed tinkering around the house and yard – using skills he picked up from his father who enjoyed doing almost anything around the house. He loved watching FSU Seminoles football and basketball – go Noles!

Richard is survived by his loving wife Lura and daughter Melissa Edwards (John) of Panama City, sisters Dorothy and Carolyn Williamson of Tallahassee, grandchildren Ricky Miller, Michael and Carissa McRae and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and long-time companion and love Donna Gandy.

The family wants to extend heartfelt thanks to Big Bend Hospice and the staff at St Augustine Plantation who took care of Richard during his final days.

If you have a story or a “tale or two” about Richard you would like to share with the family they would love to hear it. You can send it to : williamgrj3@comcast.net or text to 850-509-0490.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations in Richard’s memory be made to Big Bend Hospice or Mooseheart Charities, 155 South International Dr., Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100 or www.moosecharities.org.

There will be a private family funeral.

Tribute Wall

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“ Richard, or Uncle Dick, as he was affectionately known by me and my brothers, will always have a special place in my heart not only as my daddy's cousin but one of his best friends. I have so many fond memories of him at Uncle George and Aunt Lula Mae's and at his home playing in the pool listening to him and my dad talk about the good ole Blountstown days. Sending love and prayers to Melissa, Dot, Carolyn and family. With Love, Charlsie Leonard Jolly

Charlse Leonard Jolly - April 27 at 10:41 AM

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“ Sincere condolences to Lura, Melissa and Richard's family. He will be missed by many.

Janet Whitman - April 26 at 09:05 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ken Shaffer - April 24 at 03:58 PM

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Though Lura will probably not make it to the service due to medical issues, she shared with me her favorite photo of them.

Ken Shaffer - April 24 at 04:02 PM

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I knew Richard really well for many years from his Blountstown days. I also knew and liked his great parents and wonderful two sisters. Dorothy Ann was a great friend. Richard's obituary was very similar to the one I wrote yesterday for another old friend Jerry Frank Adams, who passed away earlier this week. Mike Tucker

Mike Tucker - April 24 at 08:41 PM



Certainly happier times. My sister Lura had moved on from her divorce and her love and devotion to Richard was her island of peace. RIP Richard.

Steve Shaffer - April 26 at 12:14 PM

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I remember Richard from the Printing House in Quincy Florida many years ago. He was a good, fair and respectable man. He will be missed. Mary Trueblood

Mary Trueblood - April 27 at 08:16 AM