



Richard P. "Rich" Cofer

January 2, 2023

Richard P. "Rich" Cofer, 68, went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 2, 2023, after a seven-year battle with cancer. He was the son of the late John R. and Eleanor "Sparky" Cofer. He was also predeceased by his sister, Kay Iavarone and his brother, John P. Cofer.

Rich was a member and deacon of Pinecrest Baptist Church, where he formerly served as deacon chairman, Sunday School teacher, and church trustee. He served on the premises committee for many years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Karan Cofer, who held his hand as he left this world. Also surviving him are his sisters, Judy Mays (Ricky) and Sue Cofer (Jim); nephew, Johnny Mays (Jenn) and their sons, Riley and Parker Mays; niece, Gina Iavarone Essa (John) and their son, Jack Essa; and brother-in-law, Joe Iavarone. Survivors also include his wife's sisters, Mary Rivers (Phillip) and their family and Anita Griffith. He is survived by a special friend he considered a brother, David "Bubba" Johnston.

We wish to thank all the friends and family for all their prayers, encouragement and other acts of kindness shown to Rich during his illness.

A funeral service will be held at Pinecrest Baptist Church on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. by Pastor Matt Beagle. Burial will follow at

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at Loving Funeral Home on Monday, January 9, 2023, from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm.

Memorial donations may be to Pinecrest Baptist Church 209 Felton Road, Portsmouth, VA, 23701 or Union Mission Ministries, Norfolk Virginia (unionmissionministries.org).

“To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.”

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Road
Suffolk, VA 23435

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pine Crest Baptist Church
209 Felton Road
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall

LM

“ I send all my love and prayers to the families of Karan Cofer. I am so sorry. May God’s love surround you and your family to bring you comfort. Blessings ALWAYS. LOVE YOU ALL.
LAUREL ELIZABETH MILES

Laurel Miles - January 10, 2023 at 12:57 PM

MG

“ Karen

Mary Grubb - January 08, 2023 at 06:35 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Richard P. "Rich" Cofer.



January 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM

RS

“ Robin Gray (Barbara and Scott) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard P. "Rich" Cofer.



Robin Gray (Barbara and Scott) - January 08, 2023 at 08:24 AM

SB

“ Karen, so sorry for your loss. Rich was such a blessing to me when he attended the NRBC foot ministry. His faith was very evident and we know he is now resting with his Savior. We have been praying for both of you and will continue to do so. Shelayne

shelayne boswell - January 06, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard P. "Rich" Cofer.



January 06, 2023 at 11:50 AM

JD

“ Rich was everyone's best friend in high school! We had many memorable times together. Sincere condolences. (Jack Dority-RCS Class of '72)

John Dority - January 06, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ I remember meeting Rich at Sweethaven. He was a wonderful man. Karen and I taught at the school. I love you Karen and I am praying for you and your family. Sending love and prayers.



Tommie Marshall - January 06, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ *Reflections of Gratitude Casket Spray* was purchased for the family of Richard P. "Rich" Cofer.



January 05, 2023 at 09:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Richard P. "Rich" Cofer.



January 05, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Richard P. "Rich" Cofer.



January 05, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Richard P. "Rich" Cofer.



January 05, 2023 at 01:01 PM