



Richard Lee Sellers

June 24, 2025

Richard Lee Sellers, 75 years of age, passed away on June 24, 2025. He was a native of Portsmouth, Virginia. The son of Richard D. Sellers and Francis P. Sellers. Richard served in the United States Army for four years and later worked at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, where he spent 39 years as a Refueling Mechanic before retiring. He also spent over 20 years giving back to the game of baseball and softball he loved so much, serving as an umpire for youth baseball and softball of all ages.

Richard was predeceased by both his parents, Richard D. Sellers and Francis P. Sellers, his loving wife of 51 years, Dale M. Sellers, and his son, Christopher L. Sellers.

Richard is survived by his three sons: Nathan P. Sellers and his wife, Donna; Joshua D. Sellers; and James R. Sellers and his wife, Megan. Four grandchildren: Jackson D. Sellers, Brooklyn M. Sellers, Skylar G. Sellers, and Oliver J. Sellers. He also leaves behind a sister, Joyce Allyn, and her husband, Michael, a brother, Ronald C. Sellers, and a cousin/brother, Jerry Barham.

Richard was a loving, devoted husband and father. His family was his pride and joy; he would do anything he could for them. He always made sure his family had everything they would ever need. He selflessly dedicated countless

hours to volunteering for his kids' interests without hesitation and never once complained. Richard had a love for the game of baseball from childhood, and it carried over into his adult life. The ballfield was his happy place. Whether he was playing as a young boy or as an adult later in life, watching his beloved New York Yankees play ball. When his playing days were behind him, he found another way to stay involved in the game he loved as an official, where he spent over 20 years, both locally and out of state, officiating ball games.

The family would like to thank the staff of Northern Cardinal and the Amedisys Hospice care team for the excellent care they provided during Richard's final days.

A funeral service will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at Loving Funeral Home. The family will receive friends in the funeral home on Monday, June 30, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Road
Suffolk, VA 23435

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-3373

Funeral Service

JUL 1. 12:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ Carola and Ken Bennett purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Richard Lee Sellers.



Carola and Ken Bennett - June 30, 2025 at 05:14 PM

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“ Carola and Ken Bennett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lee Sellers.

Carola and Ken Bennett - June 30, 2025 at 05:14 PM

JS

“ Jerry, Teresa, aunt Skeet and Skye purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard Lee Sellers.



Jerry, Teresa, aunt Skeet and Skye - June 30, 2025 at 01:14 PM

JB

“ I played softball and went to church with Rick at Alliance for many years. Rick was a man of great character & a true friend. Jackie Beecher.

jackie beecher - June 29, 2025 at 10:21 AM

GG

“ Hard to digest that one of the 3 Amigos I spent much of my high school days with is gone. When I dated Wayne Baker, it was often Wayne, Rick, Norman (Cote) & me having laughs & way too much fun!

Rick was one of the best guys ever! Kind, beyond courteous & loved to laugh. He was a good friend & one of the first to know I was pregnant (not by Wayne). I loved him dearly & am saddened deeply that he's gone. Last time I saw him was before Dale became ill. We all had lunch together. It'll be a cherished memory.

My prayers go out for the family as you move forward in your loss.



glo gaines - June 28, 2025 at 01:57 PM

CP

Im so sorry to hear this. Richard & i went from elementary all through high school together. He was always so much fun. My sincere condolences & prayers for his family 🙏❤️🙏

Carol Palmer - June 28, 2025 at 03:40 PM

CE

I'm so sorry to hear this. Rick and his wife Dale and I were good friends for many years. We went to softball games together and played softball together for many years. He umpired my boys baseball games as well. We used to go hunting together in Suffolk, North Hampton County and out of state to Pennsylvania always having good time of fellowship together. The last time I talked to him on the phone he called me and we talked about old times we had together, but of all these things we did and talked about, none was as important as we also went to Church and Sunday school together. I will really miss him and the times we had together.

Cy Ellis - June 29, 2025 at 01:47 PM

VC

I am very saddened to hear this. Rick and I umpired together at Sports at the Beach when I lived in Delaware. I always enjoyed our time together. He was a great umpire and an even better person.

Victor Coscia - June 30, 2025 at 10:30 AM