



## Rick Burton

December 9, 2024

Richard (Rick) V. Burton was born in Charlottesville, Virginia. He died on Monday, December 9, 2024. Rick was a man of many talents and interests. He graduated from Churchland High School in 1974. He pitched for the middle and high school baseball teams and played softball into his 40s. He was a cabinet maker by trade, and his attention to detail and thoroughness brought clients to him through word of mouth. He was self-taught in his other interests. He collected vinyl since high school and transferred the music first to tape and then to digital. He had an exceptional sound system with speakers throughout the house and outside. Rick collected baseball cards since grade school and had some valuable cards from those early years. He belonged to 2 football fantasy leagues and one baseball league. He started collecting knives and then eventually bought a professional knife sharpener. He also collected tools, which you would know if you had ever visited his garage.

As soon as he bought a Great Big Green Egg, he had to become the best griller, with briskets being his specialty. And there were Sunday's racing slot cars and fishing trips to Hatteras. Rick was also an avid reader and he and his cousin shared favorite authors. He had a great sense of humor, was fun to be around, and generous to a fault. He was a great fan of the Atlanta Braves and helped his wife cheer on her alma mater, the Missouri Tigers. College basketball and pro baseball were his favorite sports.

Rick was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Sarah, and his sister, Marcia. Also, his dogs Scotch & Soda; Max and Goldie; Ginger and Murphy. He is survived by his wife Susan (Sue); his brother Robert and wife Jean; his nieces whom he adored: Emily (Brian) and Rebecca (Becky) and her partner Kyle; cousins Kris (David), Lisa (Ed) and Andy (Brenda), and Tori who was so special and her fiancé James. Of course, our dogs Bennie and Rush. Our Atlanta Braves and Final Four comrade Darell. The Orrells who we've known since our softball days. Our wonderful neighbors William, Kerrie, Colin & Payton; and the Hoddinots. His Tuesday breakfast buddies Garry, Dave, Duggan, Steve, sometimes Gerald and Andy. And Sue's fabulous beach girls the "brain trust" who have been supporting his wife forever. All have been a huge help and comfort to us.

There will be a Celebration of His Life gathering at the Elizabeth Manor Golf & Country Club on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 3:30 pm.

# Previous Events

## **A Visitation Celebrating His Life**

JAN **16**. 3:30 PM (ET)

Elizabeth Manor Golf & Country Club  
1 Ace Parker Road  
Portsmouth, VA 23701

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Sue, It has been a lot of years since I saw you or Rick. I guess life just got in the way. I have fond memories of visiting your home to play table top football with Rick. A lot of fun except when the dog ate my wallet. Rick loved his dogs. I am so sorry for your loss.  
Sam Meekins

Sam Meekins - January 16, 2025 at 06:42 AM

KE

“ Kevin and Eduardo purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rick Burton.



Kevin and Eduardo - January 10, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ I met Rick when he came to our clinic for occupational therapy following hand/wrist surgery. His sense of humor and strong motivation to get back to his occupation and hobbies made him a diligent worker who was fun to have as a client. His love of dogs matched mine. I was so impressed with his experience and skill in cabinetry. He was a wonderful man and his death is a great loss. Take care, Sue, and know he will be with you always. Ann Ashe OT

Ann Ashe - January 04, 2025 at 11:02 PM

LB

“ Leeanne B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rick Burton.

Leeanne B. - December 28, 2024 at 08:00 PM

BA

“ Sue, just saw this and I'm so very sorry for your loss! There are a few fun memories I have of Rick back in the early 80's when I was working at the Seawall and dating Mike, first husband. I know you will miss him and his funny humor. Take care of yourself and how fortunate you were to have had each other for a long and loving marriage. God Bless.

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**Betty Axson** - December 23, 2024 at 02:39 PM

BC

“ Betty C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rick Burton.

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**Betty C.** - December 23, 2024 at 09:46 AM

RB

“ I had many good times with Rick back in Churchland. We had overnight Risk tournaments that were epic. I took a trip with him and his parents to New Haven't as a teenager and it was such a generous gesture to include me. But the best of all was our cross country trip by Amtrak to the West Coast and back. It was back in 1978 and we were vagabonds on the move. So many memories...Love you Rick. Save a place for me.

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**Robbie Babbitt** - December 21, 2024 at 08:06 PM

KW

“ Rick was a great man that we were lucky to have known and loved. We will always treasure the trips over with new “gadgets” for Collin, trading bourbon sips and BBQ tricks with William, having a secret purchase agreement of Girl Scout cookies with Kerri, the many times of having Payton take the dogs for a walk and so many other memories.

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**Kerri Wood** - December 19, 2024 at 01:54 PM

MH

“ Key limes, grill master, handyman, dog lover, humorous, Final 4er, buddy and husband....I salute the Man in you, Rick. Love & Peace.  
Your friend, Melony

Melony Hensley - December 18, 2024 at 09:07 PM

HM

“ Sue, I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm praying for you and your family and loved ones.

Heather McGinley - December 18, 2024 at 02:10 PM

TB

“ I'm so sorry to hear. I know he was truly your soulmate. Love you!

Tracey Bellflower - December 18, 2024 at 12:14 PM

HS

“ Holiday House Board of Directors & Staff purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rick Burton.



Holiday House Board of Directors & Staff - December 17, 2024 at 12:52 PM

RM

“ Dear Susan and Family! We are so very sorry for your loss. Rick Was a wonderful neighbor with a great sense of humor. He will be missed!

Renate and Donnie Marlowe

R. & D. Marlowe - December 17, 2024 at 10:51 AM

JM

“ Sue, So sorry! Rick was one of the most enjoyable and fun people I was ever with and a great craftsman too! John and Nina.

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**John McConnell** - December 16, 2024 at 09:01 AM