



Richard Baxter Beck III

May 29, 1943 - April 25, 2025

Richard Baxter Beck, III., 81, of Salisbury, NC passed away Friday, April 25, 2025 at Salisbury Health & Rehabilitation.

Richard was born May 29, 1943 in Rowan County, NC to the late Fannie Connor Beck and Richard Baxter Beck, Jr. He was a graduate of Boyden High School Class of 1961 where he was an Honor Student. Richard earned his BA from Pfeiffer College in 1976 in Misenheimer, NC and an Associate of Applied Science from Rowan Technical Institute. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force where he earned the Good Conduct Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal, he was also in the Air Force Reserve. While serving during the Cold War he received a Certificate of Recognition and a Small Arms Marksmanship Certificate. He worked for Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad for 29 years before retiring in 1990.

Richard was a member of Friendship Baptist Church. He was also a member of DAV in Concord.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jewell Irene Winecoff Beck on Feb 22, 2008 and sister, Linda Albright; son in law, Landreth Pruitt.

Surviving is his daughter, Holly Marie Beck Eagle (Chris Smith); Teresa Lynn Wrenn (Mike); Teresa Lynn Cutshaw, Debbie Cloer; brother, Michael Henry Beck; Starr Johnson; Jennifer Beck, grandchildren, Amy Cutshaw, Jennifer Cutshaw, Nicole Cloer, Shay Ferris, Nathan Ferris, William Smith, Lillian Beck, Rylan Smith, Nicky Smith, Mathew Smith, Natalie Smith, Maddie Smith, Keith

Wrenn, Eric Wrenn, Brittany Wrenn; great grandchildren, Tabitha Wrenn, Braden Gradd, Oakland Cloer, Lily Stallions, Carter Stallions, Mallory Cutshaw, Mathew Kirk, Cade Wrenn, Colson Wrenn.

A visitation will be held from 5-7PM Thursday, May 1, 2025 at Summersett Funeral Home. Graveside Service with military rites will be held at 3PM Friday, May 2, 2025 at Rowan Memorial Park, officiated by Jason Pierce. The family will gather at Friendship Baptist Church following the graveside service.

Memorials may be made to Friendship Baptist Church, 100 Porter Road, Salisbury, NC 28146.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Beck family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Service

MAY 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Jo Ann (Butner) Merriman lit a candle in memory of Richard Beck*



Jo Ann (Butner) Merriman - April 30, 2025 at 06:28 PM

JM

“ *Rest in Peace Richard. I know there was quite a reunion when you got to heaven with your babydoll, Jewell! She was my best friend since we met in 1971. We worked together at RMH for 15 yrs. They both loved the Lord and lived it daily. ❤️*

Much love to the Beck and Winecoff families

Jo Ann (Butner) Merriman

Jo Ann (Butner) Merriman - April 30, 2025 at 06:27 PM

LW

“ *Richard will be missed. Richard was a great man of God. He loved the Lord and shared his faith every chance we were together. Very intelligent and knowledgeable of the Lord as well as many other subjects. I enjoyed our many conversations and his kind advice. I felt he had compassion for many but firm on where he stood in his faith. I know he is heaven with his beautiful sweet wife Jewel who is still missed by me. Prayers up for the family left behind. With much love Lynn and Mike*

Lynn Wrenn - April 30, 2025 at 11:41 AM

BH

“ *Prayers to the family*



Bessie hill - April 28, 2025 at 03:02 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Summersett Funeral Home - April 25, 2025 at 04:25 PM