



## Richard Sloan Corley

February 23, 1942 - January 9, 2025

Richard Sloan Corley, 82, of Salisbury, NC passed away Thursday, January 9, 2025 at his residence.

Richard was born February 23, 1942 in Lexington, NC to the late Richard O'Brien and Emily Phelps. He earned an Associates Degree in Electrical Engineering. Richard enjoyed model trains and airplanes.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marcia Victoria Wilkins Corley on November 22, 2020 and daughter, Tina Patterson on June 2, 2020.

Left to cherish his memory are sons, Mark Corley (Cindy), Charles Corley, Tim Cornelison (Crystal), Aaron Cornelison all of Salisbury, NC and Chris Cornelison (Casie), of Faith, NC; daughter, Crystal Locklear (Mitchell) of Laurinburg, NC; daughter-in-law, Gretchen Cornelison of China Grove, NC; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A service will be held 1 PM Tuesday (Jan 14) at the Rowan Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Corley family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rowan Memorial Park Mausoleum

4125 Fanklin Community Center Road  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. I am saddened to hear this. He was one of my favorite members and I loved to see him when he could come in. He was always so kind and he was so hard working. Heaven gained an Angel.*

Julie Perez - January 15, 2025 at 12:06 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Sloan Corley.*

January 13, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Sloan Corley.*



January 13, 2025 at 01:07 PM

MG

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Richard Corley from Milton Gosney, NRHS Class of 1960. Growing up in Spencer in the 40's and 50's, Richard and his younger brother Bruce lived across the street from me on Fourth Street.

*In the late 1950's, Richard, Tommy Younce, and I had what is called today a “garage band”. Richard played drums, Tommy played electric guitar, and I played saxophone. We practiced upstairs in a big open room at Richard's house. The high point in our musical career was a few birthday parties, and a weekly gig on Saturday nights playing dance music downstairs at the old Spencer YMCA from about 7-10 PM. Tommy had composed one original song that we all chimed in on, and we called it our theme song. Other than that, we just played popular country and rock and roll music from the radio. We each got paid \$5 for our three hours of music. Believe me, it was hard work.*

*Richard and I were also life guards at Forest Dale Pool during the summers. Our pay was about \$30/week.*

*I have many fond memories of Richard and Bruce, and I am saddened by Richard's passing.*

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**Milton Gosney** - January 11, 2025 at 08:25 PM

CC

*Thank you so much for sharing. One of his prized possessions is a photo of your band. Did y'all have a name for the band? It is a question I never thought to ask him.*

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**Cindy Corley** - January 14, 2025 at 02:42 AM

MG

*Cindy:*

*Thank you for your comments.*

*I don't recall that we had a name.*

*If possible, could you use your smartphone to send me a shot of that photo as I would love to see it. All I have are the memories.*

*Milton Gosney  
214-793-4298*

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**Milton Gosney** - January 16, 2025 at 10:06 AM

CP

“ *Cheryl Corley Pierce planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Sloan Corley.*

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**Cheryl Corley Pierce** - January 09, 2025 at 10:21 PM

CP

“ *Cheryl Corley Pierce purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard Sloan Corley.*



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**Cheryl Corley Pierce** - January 09, 2025 at 10:21 PM

MC

“ Im so sorry to hear of Richard (sheriff) as we all called him at the Finishing company passing. He was a great friend i also worked with Tina at the finishing company and later i was her Boss at Schaifer Iron Works. A little story about Richard i was promoted to a clerk job in the supply room at NCF i was working in the Receiving warehouse/Grey Room i was tacked in the Grey Room and Handcuffed by 5 or 6 people when i finally gave up and let them put the cuffs on me i got away and went straight to the Electrician Dept looking for Richard knowing he would have a key to take them off. He was glad to help me and kept the cuffs until the person who owned them came to clam them but not till he give them a good talking to. He was always a great friend and i thought a lot of him. He would come in Lowes during my 25 years there and never failed to stop and talk with me. So sorry to hear of his passing but i know Haven has gained another Angle.

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**Mark Collins** - January 09, 2025 at 06:08 PM