



Richard Allan Hudson

April 19, 1948 - May 28, 2025

Richard Hudson, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, passed away peacefully at home on May 28, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 77 years old.

Born on April 19, 1948, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, Richard lived a life defined by strength, precision, and passion. He proudly served his country in the Vietnam War, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for his heroic service—a chapter that shaped his resilience and deepened his appreciation for freedom, family, and hard work.

After returning home, Richard built a life not only for his family but also for himself through entrepreneurial grit. Meticulous by nature and driven by vision, he approached every venture with integrity and care, earning the admiration of those who worked alongside him.

After retiring and moving to Salisbury, North Carolina in 2014, Richard became a valued member of the community. He proudly served on the board of the Millers Ferry Fire Department, continuing his lifelong commitment to service and leadership.

Richard was never one to sit still for long. He and his beloved wife, Barbara, shared a deep love of travel and adventure. Over the years, they explored the world together—collecting memories, sharing laughter, and embracing the beauty of life's journey side by side. Their travels were more than just trips; they were chapters in a love story filled with discovery, joy, and unwavering companionship.

He was never happier than when surrounded by loved ones—especially at the lake, where so many treasured memories were made. Whether it was long afternoons by the water with Barbara, his children, and grandchildren, peaceful boat rides in the evening, or simple time spent together, those moments became the heartbeat of his family life.

Equally important to him were the friendships he nurtured over the years. Richard never missed a good card game. Whether he was playing to win or simply enjoying the company of those around him, the table was always filled with his sharp wit, good-natured competitiveness, and infectious laugh. More than anything, Richard's greatest pride was always his family. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who gave thoughtful advice, listened deeply, and celebrated even the smallest victories of those he loved. He had a way of making everyone feel seen, valued, and cared for. His wisdom, steady presence, and gentle humor enriched every family gathering—from backyard barbecues to holiday dinners.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Barbara; his two sons, Jeffrey Hudson (Emily) and Kevin Hudson (Amiee); his brothers, Jennings Hudson (Anne) and Thomas Hudson; his in-laws, Tom and Patty Paffrath and Nancy Swisstack; and his four grandchildren—Braxton, Madison, Wyatt, and Rhyland—who will carry his legacy forward with integrity, curiosity, and love.

Richard will be deeply missed and forever remembered—for his service, his adventurous spirit, his precision, and most of all, his love.

The service will be conducted 10 a.m. Tuesday (June 3) at First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury. The family will receive friends following the service. (11 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) Burial will follow at 12:30 p.m. at Salisbury National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project, 1990 Fordham Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304 or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

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

Cemetery Details

Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
308 W. Fisher St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Visitation

JUN 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

JUN 3. 12:30 PM (ET)

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501 Statesville Blvd.
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Tribute Wall



“ Dear Barbara and Family Debbie and I are so sorry for your loss. Richard will be missed by family and friends but also remembered by all whose lives he touched. Peace be with you and family Warren Wendel

Warren Wendel - June 03, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ Debbie A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Allan Hudson.

Debbie A. - June 03, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Richard Allan Hudson.



June 02, 2025 at 12:43 PM



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

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“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Allan Hudson.*



June 01, 2025 at 07:18 PM



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

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“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Richard. The Hudsons & Hangers lived together growing up in Elizabeth, NJ. We were like brothers & sisters. In H.S. I didn't miss a football game always proud to watch him on the field. When Richard & Barbara dated we all hung out a lot. Barbara and I were besties. I was honored to be in their wedding. Their move to NC was very sad for me but I did get to visit on occasion. Richard called me this past April... "hey cuz" was always the way he addressed me. They were all going to be in Florida and he wanted to meet for dinner. I am so thankful for that opportunity to spend time together. I can still feel his hug when we said our good-byes.*

*Richard, I love you--you will always live on in my heart. Your "cuz"
Joy*

Joy Marmorato - June 01, 2025 at 05:02 PM

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“ Dear Aunt Barbara and Family,

My heart goes out to you all during this difficult time. I have many fond memories of Uncle Richard that I will always cherish.

Frank Cagnina - May 30, 2025 at 03:46 PM

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Frank Cagnina - May 30, 2025 at 02:14 PM