



Richard Davidson

November 19, 1940 - August 25, 2012

Obituary of Richard Davidson

Richard Arden Davidson, Sr., 71, of Sumterville, Florida, was born November 19, 1940 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Saturday, August 25, 2012. Mr. Davidson was an educator for 36 years at Wildwood High School. He also was a firefighter and first responder for 32 years, with 16 years as Assistant Chief. He was a gun smith, life member of NRA, avid Gator fan, devoted father and husband. He attended the Morrison United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife Roslyn Davidson of Sumterville; son Richard A. Davidson, Jr. of Dade City and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

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Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Dear Mrs. Davidson & Richie, you guys are in our prayers, what a wonderful man, teacher, father, inspirartion to all, Mr. Davidson was, he will be missed community wide. If you guys need anything don't hesitate to let us know. Laura (Space Cadet as called by Mr. Davidson)

Steve and Laura (Martin) Jones - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Ms D Please accept my condolences. I cant tell you how big an impact you both you and Mr D had on my life. I will always treasure the time I spent with both of you. You will be in my prayers. WIJ

Jim McDonald - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ MINE AND SARAHS HEARTS ARE WITH YOU AND RICK. CHIEF INFLUENCED MY LIFE GREATLY I WAS PROUD TO SERVE AS ONE OF HIS CAPTAINS.

DAIVD BORST - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of Richard A Davison, Sr. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you always

Soia Runsewa - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *mrs davidson and richie and family u have my deepest sympathy for the loss of mr davidson if theres anything we can do please let us know u are all in our pryasers and i m sorry love cheryl and larry poulin*

cheryl puskich poulin and larry poulin - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Roslyn and Rick: My sincere sympathy is with you during this time.Mr. Davidson was a great man and an great teacher.He was one of my favorites.*

Becky Morrison Hampton - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Mrs. Davidson, Please accept my most heartfelt condolences. I can't express in words what you and Mr. Davidson gave to me as a student. Mr. Davidson was most influential in my early high school days. One thing he instilled in me was strength. He will be missed by the entire community and all who knew him. My prayers are with you and Richie. May God comfort you through these trying days and give you peace. Love, Sue Garrett Linginfelter*

Sue Garrett Linginfelter - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Mrs. Davidson, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. Davidson was a great teacher. I will always remember him saying "I was looking for a job when I found this one" and "that's good enough for government work!" I must admit to borrowing those phrases a few times over the years. My prayers are with you in this difficult time. Tabitha Psalm 147:3*

Tabitha (Kilbourne) Richards - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Mrs. Davidson, I am som sorry for the loss of Mr. Davidson. He was a fantastic teacher in school. I know you will miss him very much. He was a good man and gave 110% in all he did. When I joined the Wildwood Fire Dept., Mr. Davidson took me and taught me the things I needed to know. He was one of the few people that I think helped to mold me today. And for that I am truely thankful. Thank you for sharing your husband with the rest of us. He will always watch over you and be with you in your heart.

Steve D. McKinney - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Mrs. Davidson and Family, my deepest sympathy, prayers and thoughts are with you. It was a pleasure working with Dick when he was a volunteer fire fighter for the City of Wildwood.

Marena Roberts - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Mrs. Davidson, I am so sorry for your incredible loss. I will be praying for you and your family as you go through this difficult time. Please remember that our God has everything in His hands, and that there are many people who love you and sincerely grieve with you. Traci

Traci (Symonds) McClung - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Mrs. Davidson you and Rick are in my thoughts and prayers. Mr Davidson was one of the most loved people I know. He had so much to share with his students and the Fire Dept. I learned so much from him at the Fire Station. He will be missed so much. If you need anything at all please do not hesitate to call.

Ginger Jacobs - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Mrs. Davidson my thoughts & prayers are with you and your son during this most difficult time. I have very fond memories of being in classes with you and Mr. Davidson. My heart goes out to you and the family. Sheilah

Sheilah Cochran Key - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ My deepest sympathies are with you. I was very sorry to hear this news. Some of my fondest memories at Wildwood High include you and Mr Davidson. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Cyndi Esposito-Lukowicz - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dear Roslyn, Betsy and I are so sorry to hear about Dick. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and Richie at this time. We are currently in Washington State and will not be home for the service on Friday. We will be thinking about you then. May God bless and keep you in his care. Billy & Betsy

Billy and Betsy Suber - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ My heart hurts for you and Rick. I am so sorry for your loss. Love you, Lea

Lea Fort - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Dear Roslyn, We are both so sorry to hear about your loss. We have such great memories of Mr. D. as our teacher and friend. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and Rick during this time. With love and prayers, Randy and Diana McDonald

Randy & Diana McDonald - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *RIP Mr.Davidson*

Judi Carter - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Mrs. D and Rick, I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. D you know how much you and Mr D were involved in my life and my years growing up. I will truly miss Mr. D, he was my hunting buddy. I love you.*
Cathy

Cathy Howard Watso - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *Mrs. Davidson and family; Sending prayers for comfort and peace in the loss of Mr. Davidson. I'm sure you won't remember me, but you both made an impression in my life. I was very sorry to hear of mr. Davidson's sudden death, but take comfort in thinking he is waiting for you on heaven's shore. God has promised to be there for those who call on Him. He will provide comfort during those times when you feel you just can't go on. I will remember your family as I pray. God bless you, Naomi weì*

Naomi (Ivey) Maggiora - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ *Roslyn, My sister, Lea, informed me of the shocking news on Sun evening. I am, of course, deeply saddened. My heartfelt sympathies are extended to both you and your son. My prayers are with you both. --William Akins*

William Akins - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you! May He wrap His arms of healing powers around you. God bless you. Linda Smart Johnson Callahan, FL*

Linda Smart Johnson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. I pray for your peace and comfort during these very difficult days.*

Dale Nichols - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Roslyn I have no words to say that will ease your pain right now but I can truly say the you have no idea how much of an influence you had in my life . Dennis...*

Dennis Wallace - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Dear Mrs. Davidson, I was truly saddened to hear of the loss of Mr. Davidson. To this day I think of him often, in particular the delightful anecdotes he would share. As a high school teacher I have found myself borrowing one of his phrases or remarks from time to time. Mr. Davidson was an inspiring educator. With sincerest thoughts and prayers, Bill Burns WHS Class of '89*

Bill Burns - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Mr. Davidson was so very loved by all of his students and anyone that ever had the pleasure of meeting him. This was truly a tragedy. My prayers are with you, Mrs. Davidson. Rhonda*

Rhonda Moses - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mrs. Davidson, I'm so very sorry to hear of Mr. Davidson's passing. My husband passed away 10 months ago from cancer. I know the feeling of great loss and how your life is totally turned upside down. Faith in God has certainly brought me thru this time and I pray God will give you peace and purpose to go on.....Carol

Carol Miller Stokes - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our prayers are with you and your son during this difficult time. May the Peace that passes all understanding fill your mind and heart.

Joe and Jean Symonds - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Mrs Davidson I am sorry to hear of Mr Davidson's death. I wish comfort for you and your son. Reflect on the many years that you guys had together. Like a lot of students I wasn't mature enough to appreciate all that my teachers did for me when I was in school. Thanks for all that both you and Mr Davidson did for me. Tom

Tom Wiley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Mrs. Davidson, Please accept my condolences at this time. I have very fond memories of Mr. Davidson. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Ryan Black

Ryan Black - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Richard Davidson*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Ms. Davidson, I am so sorry for your loss..My father (John Gant) and I really thought very highly of you both. I am praying for your strength as you grieve the loss of your husband. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning..Once again, you have my deepest sympathy.*

Donna Gant Sesler - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *Mrs. Davidson, There are no words to completely express how very saddened we are to hear of Mr. Davidson' s passing! Please know that you and Richie are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time! You and Mr. Davidson meant the world to me as teachers and both of you made such a deep impact on my life! May you find a peace during this time that surpasses all understanding! Love you! Keri*

Keri (Brown) Keen - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Mrs. Davidson and your son. He was a great man with many talents. He will be missed greatly.*

Judy Faux (Reed) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Mrs. Davidson, I'm so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and Rick are in my thoughts and prayers. Jenny*

Jenny Bruce - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Mrs. Davidson Please accept my condolences and heartfelt sadness of the passing of Mr. Davidson. You both touched and impacted so many with your teaching. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Donna Suber

Donna Suber - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Roslyn and family, I was shocked and sad to read today's Sumter Co. Times. It seem likes just a few days ago that I met Richard and the wolf at the primary election. I talked to Ed Tomberlin and he caught me up on you. Of course, most of it you had told me that day. Mr. T. speaks very highly of you and Richard. In case the name does not register, I was the VSS at the election. Again, I am so sorry for your loss. But at the same time, glad that Richard is in the presence of our Lord. Sincerely, Marilyn Barnes

Marilyn Barnes - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ R.I.P Mr. Davidson. May God bless and keep your family. I remember the entire atomic chart, the element symbols, etc all because of you. You were a great person and you will truly be missed. May you sleep in peace.

Tamara Gant - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Dear Mrs. Davidson, I'm so sorry to learn of this. I'm up in Savannah and not able to attend the funeral, but wanted you to know that Kendell and I are saddened by Dick Davidson's death. He had a very funny, quirky sense of humor and was so well-liked by his students. I never had him for a teacher, but he came into the library at Wildwood High all the time, where I had a chance to chat with him from time to time. I had a little job in there and I remember telling him "I think this school is so boring." His reply? "Set yourself on fire. That'll make things more interesting. I'll supply the matches." ha ha ha Hope you got a kick out of that.

Terri Bailey Alsobrook - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Mr. Davidson had a huge impact on my life. He was my teacher and a mentor. Later in life, he was a prized mention as someone who great bearing in my life choices and career path. My heart goes out to his immediate family. You are in my prayers.

Scott Graddy - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Mr. and Mrs. Davidson were exceptional standouts during my high school years. He with his green Jaguar and Science knowledge; she with true beauty and memorable Literature teachings. Mrs. Davidson, family and friends, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I have experienced a similar loss in the past and I know how difficult it is to cope with. May God be with you today and always.

A 1967 W.H.S. Graduate - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ As a Alumn from Wildwood, I was fortunate to have your husband and father as my Home room/ Ham radio teacher. I used to look forward to being in his class and hearing him start off the day with his motto "YAZOO, Lets get started class". I also spent several more years as a vulunteer fireman with him post graduation till the mid 80's where again he was my teacher. I am so sorry to hear of his passing and will continue to pray for comfort for your family. God Bless you all .. Thank You Mr. D for the decades of knowledge and laughter you have bestowed to so many people.... _ . _ . _ _ . _ Tom Esposito Class of '79 YAZOO !!!!!!!!!!!

Tom Esposito - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Roz, Jena and I are so sorry to hear this news, Bob Just called and told us. I can't possibly express our regret in not being able to talk to him again. Please know if their is anything we can do let us know. Our hearts and prayers are with you Bert Hogan

Bert & Jean Hogan - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Dear Roslyn and family, We are deeply moved and grieved over the loss of Mr. Davidson. He was a man of great virtue much loved and respected. You and your family have our heart felt sympathy. We are praying that our Lord will hold you close during this difficult time.

Carol Sparkman and Betty Jo - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We are so heartily sorrowful for your lost. Our prayers are sent to the family. God bless and keep you.

Beverly Steele - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“*Mrs. Davidson, I am so sorry for your loss, Mr. Davidson was a great man. I have so many memories of you both from school and the fire department. You both had a great impact on many lives including mine. I sometimes find myself using some of his great sayings from school he had many of them. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Rick. Love Tammy*

Tammy Smart Slankard - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“*Mrs. Davidson & Richie - I was shocked & horrified when I heard what happened to Mr. Davidson. Although I hadn't seen y'all in years, you made such a strong impression on me & I have thought about you fondly many, many times through those years. I still laugh over most of those memories. You will never know what an impact your family made on the people of our county. Please know everyone is feeling the sadness & disbelief with you.... & this is the time when the Lord is carrying you. I pray you feel His love & presence with you during your grief, as He is surely there & will get you through this awful time. Be assured you will see Mr. Davidson again!! God bless you both & please accept my sincerest condolences. Connie*

Connie (Sands) Jones - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“*My most heart condolences Mrs. Davidson and Richard for the loss of Mr. Davidson. He was an inspiration a great many of us students at Wildwood High School. I pray God's Peace on you and yours in this troubled time. Dennis Clark, Sr. Houtzdale, PA*

Dennis Clark - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Mrs. "D", May you find peace in th amazing memories. You two were fabulous mentors and inspirations for all fortunate to know and love you as educators and friends . The memories of you two have served as guidance often. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Richard.

Pam Williams Walter - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. Mr. Davidison taught me many things during the school years that helped me in my adult life. He will be missed. Rest in Peace Mr. D.

Carl Manning - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ God Bless you Mr. Davidson. Thank you for all your kindnesses over the years. Your many years of service to the students and citizens of Sumter County have left a lasting impact on countless lives in countless ways. We are thinking of you Mrs. Davidson.

George and Roberta Joyce - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ I am truly very sorry for your loss. Mr. Davidson,Sr was a very caring and interesting man. My thoughts and prayers are with you Mrs. Davidson and Rick. I will remember the good times and funny comments,and talks with Rick and me. 1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon Him;for He careth for you.

Anna - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM