



James "Richard" Fielder

July 26, 1949 - January 22, 2023

James "Richard" Fielder, 73, of Lubbock, Texas passed away January 22, 2023 after a long battle with metastatic prostate cancer. He is remembered by his friends, family and church family as "friendly, kind, selfless, funny, generous and faithful." He was married 41 years to Karen Brown Fielder and had two sons, Russell and Kevin. After Karen died of cancer in 2016, Richard reached out to a high school sweetheart who was also widowed.

One friend said Richard proved himself "adaptable" when they married in 2018, moving from DeSoto to Lubbock, marrying Jennifer Holder and encircling her children, grandchildren, 4 dogs and 3 cats with the love he had for all his family. He eagerly supported his wife's work in ministry at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church where she was rector. He fit perfectly into the church, finding his own ministries and making new friends very easily. His dimples and smile made him a natural people magnet.

He worked at many jobs from managing an Italian restaurant to working at Pantex in Amarillo and on the Super Collider project in Waxahachie. But Richard's passion and calling was centered around Boy Scouts. He and Karen worked with both sons as they advanced in scouting. Because of his devoted service and hours and hours of volunteer work, Richard achieved the Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor Member award as an adult and continued his work throughout his life.

Richard's other great love was the Bloys Camp Meeting near Fort Davis, an annual roundup of hundreds of families that meet for an old time revival every

year in August. His extended family all shared a cabin and the cousins cherish memories of seeing each other every year at the camp meeting from childhood to the present. Although weakened by cancer, Richard made the effort to attend in August and was surrounded in a cloud of love.

Richard was born July 26, 1949 in Abilene to John and Carolyn Black Fielder. Living loved ones include his spouse, Jennifer; son Russell, his wife Lauren and 3 grandchildren, Rachel, Joshua and Jillian; son Kevin and Ami; stepfamily including Mark and Emily Gordon and her children, Meredith, Henry and Mira; his brother, Mike, and sister, Jane.

Loved ones now deceased are Karen, wife and mother of his children; his parents, John and Carolyn Fielder, and his brother Steve.

Memorial donations are suggested to St. Christopher's Lubbock Episcopal Church Outreach Fund; Hospice of Lubbock, 3702 21st St, Lubbock 79410, or any animal rescue and adoption organization.

The funeral service will be at 3 O'clock the afternoon of Saturday, February 11 at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 2807 42nd St, Lubbock 79413.

Inurnment in the St. Christopher's Columbarium, followed by a reception at the church.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 11. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
2807 42nd Street
Lubbock, TX 79413

Tribute Wall

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“ *It has been almost a year since Richard passed. We were roommates at East Texas State. I was so sorry to hear of his passing I.*

Tom Sowell - December 21, 2023 at 10:11 PM

GS

“ My earliest memories of my dear first cousin, Richard, are of playing cowboys and Indians along with his brothers, in my Aunt Carolyn and Uncle John's yard in Abilene. We were a sight to behold with our cowboy hats, cap guns and holsters but I was accepted as one of them in all our adventures, even though I was a girl. Nothing but kindness and acceptance radiated from Richard even in those very early days of childhood and I, along with everyone else, loved his dimpled face, beautiful smile and Texas drawl. Our families shared many summer visits back and forth between Abilene and Albuquerque and I especially loved going to Bloys Camp Meeting and seeing Richard there, along with countless other cousins and family members. We all had such fun climbing over rocks and boulders, visiting "Bat Cave", attending youth and adult church, children's activities and sharing meals at the old eating shed. Richard was always a big part of my growing up years, but gradually as those years gave way to adulthood, we didn't have the opportunities to see each other like we used to. Many years passed and the next time I saw Richard was at Bloys Camp Meeting in August of 2018 after he married Jennifer, and he was beaming with happiness. He was the same kind Richard, full of compassion and tenderness. While at the eating shed one evening after others had gone, I felt compelled to share with him a very deep hurt I was going through and with tears in both our eyes, he reached across the table, took my hands and said, "Gerri, I will be your brother". At that moment, I cannot possibly begin to express how cathartic that was for me and the genesis of healing by the Lord Himself, all because Richard was a willing vessel. May we learn from his example to be the hands and feet of our God, to be a listening ear, a compassionate voice and a tender touch to everyone around us in this world so in need of Jesus. I will always love you Richard, my brother, and thank you for all the wonderful memories that have served to make me a better person.

Gerri Gail

Gerri Stanford - February 11, 2023 at 11:25 AM

JR

Geri Gale, I read this note of yours often as it means so much when I'm thinking about him. I miss him terribly. This note is so soothing. Thank you sweet cousin. Much love, Jane

Janie Fielder Rogers - September 01, 2023 at 02:31 PM

MS

“ *Richard was the most compassionate human being I've ever known. I was honored by his friendship.*

Mark Snyder - February 08, 2023 at 03:10 PM

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“ *I am grateful that Richard, a generous and thoughtful soul, gifted us with his smiles and made us feel acknowledged and appreciated.*

La Gina Fairbetter - January 31, 2023 at 03:41 PM