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Richard E Herriman died on September 17, 2023, in his home. He was born in his family home in Jasper, Michigan, the son of Eldred P. Herriman and Roselind May (Whipple) Herriman. Richard graduated from Sand Creek High School, class of 1957. Following graduation, he served in the National Guard. While in the National Guards he married his sweetheart, Rose Ann Withrow. They celebrated 63 years of married in December. In 1980, they settled in Palmetto, FL. Richard was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Palmetto where he was a Life Deacon. He was a master craftsman. He remodeled many of his homes and built one home on 17th St in Palmetto. He was able to turn trash into art. He took aluminum cans found on the side of the road and create a fire truck, a John Deere tractor, and even a large play set style house with a door and windows for his grandchildren to play in. He also made a 2-story wooden fort in the backyard with no store-bought kits or instructions. He used to make little wooden toys some with mechanical features like a box that when opened a fake mongoose would pop out at you. He made cool hidden word signs that spelled out Jesus to give out to a family and people from church. He was a comedian. Whether it was when he was working at the fair or when he would go to Walmart and walk around for hours, he would go up to random strangers and would tell them one of his classic papa jokes. He did it simply because “they weren’t smiling” or “because they looked like they needed a laugh”. When he heard a child being a brat to his momma he would walk over and introduce himself as Richard Claus “Santa’s brother” coming to check up on some kids who are between the nice and naughty lists and that they need to behave to stay off the naughty list. He loved telling people he was touched by an angel when they touched him. He was a volunteer. He was a greeter at the church for Sunday service and VBS, and a teacher/leader in AWANA, he even was a train conductor for the church’s daycare, Wee World. You could also find him repainting the yellow lines in the church



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parking lot. Most importantly, he was a friend to ALL and a kind-hearted man. He loved the Lord with all his heart. He served his whole life with a smile on his face, as a veteran, a foster parent to 2 girls, the church, at the fair, a babysitter to his grandchildren, and he never complained. In addition to his parents, he was preceded by a brother, Keith; sister-in-laws, Linda, Angie, Beulah, Vernita; brother-in-laws, Harry, Jack, Pete, Fred, Duane, Harold, Don. Survived in addition to his wife, Rose Ann (Withrow) Herriman, are his sons, Neil (Valerie), Paul (Stephanie), and Lee (Tricia); daughter, Ann Marie (Glenn); ten grandchildren, Tiffany, Jonathan (Kristina), Micah (Anna), Elisabeth, Leighton, Rachel, Keldon (Boston), Cyndell (Kaleb), Chandler and Nicolette; eleven great-grandchildren, Warren, Colton, Charlotte, Jack, Elora, William, Brooks, Hadlee, Caroline, Brixton, and Evelyn; one sister, Janice; one brother, Gale; many nieces and nephews. A service of celebration will be held on October 7, 2023. Visitation will be at 10:00 and the service will be at 11:00 at First Baptist Church of Palmetto. 1020 4th St W, Palmetto, FL. Interment will be at Skyway Memorial Gardens 5200 US Hwy 19 N, Palmetto, FL. Those who wish to remember Richard in a special way may make gifts in his memory to First Baptist Church of Palmetto Missions fund.



Events

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Visitation

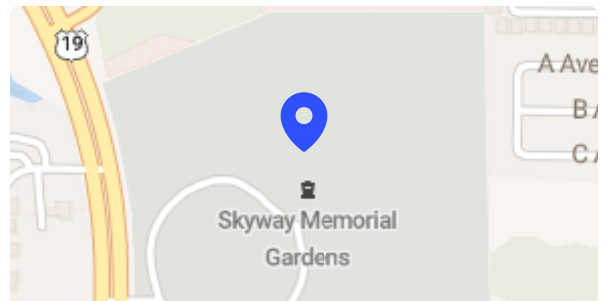
- 📅 **Saturday**, October 7, 2023
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- 📍 **First Baptist Church of Palmetto**
1020 4th Street West, Palmetto FL 34221

Memorial Service

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Cemetery Details

- 📍 **Skyway Memorial Gardens**
5200 US Hwy 19 N , Palmetto FL 34221
- 📞 **(941) 803-7626**





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Anonymous sent a "Amazing Grace" garden stone to the Herriman family.



October 8 at 4:05 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Herriman family.



October 5 at 3:57 AM



Kelly Seidl posted:

What a wonderful man of God, he raised some amazing kids and had the most precious wife. I have wonderful memories of them all on Gorman Rd in Adrian Michigan. I have wonderful memories of him and the family every year we traveled to Florida. His Dad and my grandpa were shuffling buddies. Our families grew up together. I was always his girlfriend. He was amazing and I treasure all my memories with the Herriman family especially Ann Marie! I love you all! I'll see him in Heaven someday and a glorious reunion that will be.

October 2 at 3:39 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Herriman family.



October 2 at 3:07 PM



Doug Whipple posted:

I would like to express my sympathy to Rose Ann, sons and daughter. Richard will be remembered fondly. Doug Whipple

October 2 at 4:29 AM



Rose Ann Herriman October 4 at 7:03 AM

Doug how are you related to Rosalind Whipple Herriman?



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Peggy & Al Kitchen posted:

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Herriman family. Al & Peggy Kitchen

September 29 at 11:39 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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