



## Michael "Mike" Barton Richards

May 10, 1954 - May 17, 2022

Michael "Mike" Barton Richards  
Pickens, South Carolina

Michael "Mike" Barton Richards, 68, passed away Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at his home.

A native of Greenville County, South Carolina, Mike was born May 10, 1954, son of the late Furman Eugene Richards and Mary Bess Barton Richards. Mr. Richards was a graduate of Parker High School (1972) and a member of the RED HORSE unit of the United States Air Force. He enjoyed playing golf and Clemson University sports.

Survivors include his son, Michael Barton Richards, Jr. of Pickens, SC and his daughter, Rebekah Pauline Richards of Fayette, AL.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Richards was predeceased by two brothers, Sam Thomason and Gene Richards.

Mountain View Funeral Home – Pickens Chapel is serving the Richards family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sheila Richards lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Barton Richards*



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**sheila richards** - August 06, 2024 at 09:26 PM

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“ *RIP My Friend, I will never forget your wit and your southern accent. You being the first person from the south that I ever met was a delight and fascination. I would always laugh when you had a different name for things that I knew as a different name, like hose pipe I called them a garden hose.*

*You were the first friend I made at basic training and it was a pleasure to be your squad leader. Then we were sent to the same outfit the 823rd Red Horse and we became room mates and together again. I will never forget you writing all of my love letters to my then future wife because I just wasn't good at it at all. After we both got married then we where neighbors.*

*After discharging from the Air Force we lost contact in the late 70s then out of now where you found me and contacted me that was in the summer of 2019 and I have to say it was quite a wonderful surprise. We had tried to get together several times but living in Ohio it was difficult and I only wish we could have made it happen.*

*Talking a lot and facetimeing on the phone I will always remember.*

*To your family I will say I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers and hope your sorrow will soon turn to fond memories of the good times .*

*So Country I will say I am a better man for having knowing you.*

*Rest In Peace my brother*

*Sugar Bare*

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**Thomas Schumacher** - May 23, 2022 at 02:08 PM

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“ *RIP Mike. My friend.*

*I pray your families pain of the loss will ease in time. I know the pain will never go away. But when they think of you with heavy hearts may they think of you with no more pain and that you are heaven bounded. We all will see you again someday and what a glorious day that will. Bless your family.*

*Blessed to have been your Friend. Reba Moore* ❤️

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**Reba Moore** - May 22, 2022 at 12:50 PM