



Earl Ray Richter

July 25, 1949 - May 3, 2023

Earl Ray Richter, age 73, of Willis, Texas passed away on May 3, 2023. He is survived by his wife of 52 years Shirley Richter of Willis; daughter Jennifer Gilstrap and husband Ryan of Willis; granddaughter Paislee Gilstrap of Willis; numerous nieces and nephews; and many other family and friends.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Ellen Richter of Elm Mott, Texas.

During Earl's time on this earth he was a devoted teacher at Conroe High School for thirty-one years. He was passionate about teaching US History, Government, and Economics and passed that passion on to his daughter. He made several life long friends during that time who remained important to him even after retirement.

The last few months of his life Earl's pride and joy was his granddaughter Paislee. The only time you could catch him awake and smiling was when Paislee was present. Pallbearers for Earl will be Michael Splettstosser, brother-in-law, Ryan Gilstrap, son-in-law, Kolton Splettstosser, great nephew, Logan Havard, great nephew, Brock

Hivnor, nephew-in-law,

Bythel Staton, family friend, Ahmed Kawaja, family friend, and Richard Welch, family friend.

Honorary pallbearers are Alfred Schuetz, cousin, Darrin Banik, cousin, Eddie Ray Banik, cousin, and Jonathan McFerrin, family friend,

Visitation with the family is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th from 5pm-7pm at Sam Houston

Memorial Funeral Home in Willis. Texas

Church service for Earl will be Monday, May 8th at 10am at the First Baptist Church in Willis,

Texas. Graveside will be on May 8th at 2pm at Stryker Cemetery in Corrigan, Texas.

You are invited to leave a written condolence on our website at www.shmfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W
Willis, TX 77318

Funeral Service

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Willis
12177 Interstate 45 N
Willis, TX 77318

Graveside Service

MAY 8. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Stryker Cemetery
Corrigan, TX 75939

Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Earl Ray Richter*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - May 05, 2023 at 05:18 PM

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“ *Alvin Lynn & Michelle Ross purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Earl Ray Richter.*



Alvin Lynn & Michelle Ross - May 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Earl Ray Richter.*



May 06, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Earl Ray Richter.*



May 05, 2023 at 07:28 AM



“ *I remember the Toledo Bend Lake at Griffin Lodge we had a great time as always did when Earl and family was there*

Dena Stroud McMelland - May 05, 2023 at 01:30 AM



“ *A very kind and caring person that I met many years ago... blessings and love to Shirley and entire family...Nan Ross*

Nan Ross - May 04, 2023 at 08:20 PM