



## Richard Christmas

January 6, 1943 - June 27, 2013

Richard LaFon Christmas was born on January 6, 1943, in Dillon, South Carolina, to Forrest and Mattie (Wallace) Christmas. He grew up in Dillon where he attended grade school and graduated from Dillon High School in 1961. As a young boy, Rick loved the outdoors and was active in football, baseball, and basketball, but baseball was his first love. He was voted athlete of the year in 1961 and received numerous other sports awards. Rick acquired the nickname “Monkey” as a youngster and it has followed him to this day.

Rick married Patricia Smith on June 14, 1985, at the Ft. Crook House in Omaha, Nebraska, and they made their home in Elkhorn.

Rick worked as a commercial glass contractor for most of his years in Omaha and had been with Husker Glass for over 20 years. One of his greatest joys was spending time with his grandchildren. Rick loved to be with them and attend their activities. He was an American Legion baseball coach for many years and followed the University of South Carolina athletics. He was passionate about the South Carolina Gamecocks, Southern traditions, and devoted to his family. Rick loved playing golf and sitting in on an occasional card game. Rick and Pat enjoyed traveling with family and friends and dining out at Farmer Brown’s. He was blessed with a larger than life personality and many, many dear friends. Wherever he went, near or far, he always ran into someone who knew him. He liked to watch western movies and was an avid newspaper reader. Rick will forever be remembered for his classic saying, “Ya

know what I mean, Cuz?"

Rick passed away suddenly on Thursday, June 27, 2013, in the emergency room at Lakeside Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska, at the age of 70 years, 5 months and 22 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Forrest and Mattie. Left to cherish his memory is his wife Pat; children Liz Roper of Lincoln and her son Will; Ann Tarr and husband Steve, of Omaha and their children Schyler, Allison and Bethany; Maynard Smith and wife Alicia of Omaha and their children Ruby, Lucy, Blake and Grace; sister Janice (Ed) Estridge of Camden, SC and their daughter Kelly (Ed) Kerscher of Mt. Pleasant, SC and their son Jack.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Christmas*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Thinking of all family members at this time.  
So many fond memories of this wonderful man.  
He is so missed.  
Jeannie*

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**Jeannie Stroup** - June 20, 2014 at 09:03 AM

BM

“ Dear Christmas Family;

*While reading the online obituary, I observed the death of your love one.*

*Death is an enemy to mankind and who can understand it? It can and does have a devastating effect on you and your family as well.*

*Can you imagine reading a newspaper with the headline; "When Death is Swallowed Up Forever...." What a wonderful time that will be. Revelation 21:4 offers this hope, it states: "And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. " The former things have passed away." What a comforting hope.*

*If you would be interested in learning even more, I can send you a little tract that is entitled "What Hope for Dead Loved Ones"? If you have any Questions please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address here ([b.molina56@yahoo.com](mailto:b.molina56@yahoo.com)).*

*I offer my sincere condolences, may the God of peace be with you and your family.*

*Sincerely Yours,  
Brandy Molina*

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**Brandy Molina** - July 30, 2013 at 03:15 PM

ED

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Pat and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Rick died the same day Mom did. Heaven gained 2 wonderful, loving people, who left a big hole in our lives, but left us with lots of loving memories. Thinking of you all. Ed and Cheryl Delp

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**ed and cheryl delp** - July 02, 2013 at 01:39 AM

BF

“ Pat and Family,  
I know the passing of Rick cannot be adequately expressed by any words I may have. I am, nonetheless, deeply saddened to learn of your loss.

Bill

New Martinsville WV

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**Bill Fiest** - July 01, 2013 at 11:29 AM

JJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers re with you Pat, and your family. Rick was always so friendly. He always had a smile and a wave every time he drove by. The neighborhood will miss him.

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**Jim and Cathy Johnsn** - June 30, 2013 at 02:58 PM

FS

“ Over 20 years ago I remember meeting Rick when I lived in Omaha and I played softball on the Husker Glass team. Rick had more energy than someone half his age. I moved away but got to hook up with Rick and his "husker buddies" every year in Chicago at a Cub's weekend. I'll miss your stories, sense of humor and big smile. Next time the group gets together it won't be the same but I'll put a dollar in the "mound ball" game for you. My sympathy and prayers goes to his family and many friends.

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**Fred Stanton** - June 30, 2013 at 02:51 PM

TH

“ Richard, you will be missed so much. I so much enjoyed all of the conversations you had with me at the shop, we talked about everything. You so much loved your family & so proud of all your Grandchildren. You are so special and such a friend to me. I know you'll keep an eye on us all from Heaven. My prayers go out to your family.

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**Tom Hill** - June 28, 2013 at 02:34 PM

DR

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**denny ratigan** - June 28, 2013 at 02:33 PM

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**denny ratigan** - June 28, 2013 at 02:32 PM

JH

“ Rick was one of a kind. I never saw him without a smile on his face. I will always remember him as a great and trusted friend. My prayers go out to his family.

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**Jeff Holbrook** - June 28, 2013 at 02:07 PM

JC

“ We will truly miss Rich. He brought so much fun, color and energy for Life to the Tye Webb Golf League. I will cherish my final hand shake and conversation with Rick last Tuesday at League. He ALWAYS brought a smile to everyones face. We will miss him.

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**Jimmy Coplin** - June 28, 2013 at 12:57 PM

JS

“ Rick was such a wonderful person. I am so glad that I was privileged to have shared the last 4 years working with him and also to have shared his friendship. He will be missed each and every day. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Jeannie Stroup** - June 28, 2013 at 12:21 PM

JW

“ I want to express my deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

*he was not only a coworker but he was a very dear friend who has forever changed my life in more ways than he ever knew, he will always be dearly missed. you all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jerry Williams** - June 28, 2013 at 11:12 AM