



Mr. Richard Lee Denham

May 1, 1946 - June 13, 2017

Richard Lee Denham of Gulf Shores died in Mobile, Alabama, on June 13, 2017, at the age of 71.

Richard Denham is survived by his wife Lisa Todd Denham; one daughter Callie Payne and one grandson Anthony Payne, both of Snellville, Georgia; one brother C. Barry Denham of Hernando, Florida. He is preceded in death by parents Gurley C. Denham, Jr., and Ruth Lee Denham, maternal grandparents Paul and Lessie East Lee, and paternal grandparents Gurley C. (Sr.) and Daisy Watwood Denham.

Richard Denham was born in Albertville, Alabama. He graduated from Albertville High School where he lettered on the high school basketball team and the baseball team. He received a degree from Snead Junior College, where he played on the baseball team. In 1968, he received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Jacksonville State University, where he was a member of the JSU tennis team.

From 1969-71, he served in the U. S. Army including a tour in Vietnam 1969-70 when he was stationed with the U S Army Audit Agency in Saigon. In 1971 he began his career in education as a physical education teacher at Alabama Avenue Middle School.

During his education career, he earned a master's degree from University of Alabama Birmingham and certification for a year past the master's. Leaving Alabama Avenue, he moved to Albertville High School in the vocational education department eventually becoming the director of the program. While

at Albertville High School, he sponsored the Student Government Association and coached the tennis team. He returned to Alabama Avenue first as assistant principal before ending his career as principal.

After retirement, he changed careers by becoming a real estate broker in Gulf Shores, Alabama, where he and his wife have lived until his death.

Richard could often be found on the golf course. He enjoyed traveling to different courses and attending professional golf tournaments. In Gulf Shores he played golf as many days as possible. In April 2017 he won the Club Championship at Peninsula Golf Course.

He was a member of St. Andrews By the Sea church.

Visitation will be Friday, June 16, from 5:00-8:00PM at Adams Funeral Home in Albertville. The service at Adams will be Saturday at 11:00AM with Fr. Ben Alford conducting and music by Jane Ellen Nelson. Burial will follow the service in Memory Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Memory Hill Cemetery

5975 US Highway 431
Albertville, AL 35950

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Adams Brown Service Funeral Home
6906 US Highway 431 South
P.O. Box 488
Albertville, AL 35950
(256) 878-0231

Service

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Mary Hudgins Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee Denham*



Mary Hudgins Baker - June 22, 2017 at 02:46 PM

GA

“ *I met Richard while we both worked at the Army Audit Agency in 1970. We worked together on two different audits and became good friends. We reconnected this year and had good conversations on the phone. So sorry to learn just a few hours ago that Richard had gone to be with his heavenly family.*



Gilbert Adams - June 17, 2017 at 12:56 PM

JH

“ *Richie and I were in the greatest high school class ever and shared a lot of fun times. I will always remember how he loved to be on the basketball court and show his ability to play. I think both of us would get free trips to Mr. Couch's office often and he would always get off Scott free. I never learned his secret.*

I am sorry for your loss. He will be missed by a lot of friends, both old and new.

James Hughes

James Hughes - June 16, 2017 at 08:07 PM

LP

“ *Lesa Prater lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee Denham*



lesa prater - June 16, 2017 at 07:48 AM

LP

“ *Richie helped my son so much with the transition to middle school. I will never forget the things he did to help him adjust to middle school life! Love to Lisa, Callie, Anthony, and Cynthia. and Rusty. Richie will be greatly missed.*

lesa prater - June 16, 2017 at 07:47 AM

TB

“ *We love you Lisa. ...you are in our prayers.*

Tammy Bryant - June 15, 2017 at 06:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Lee Denham.*



June 15, 2017 at 06:22 PM

RB

“ Rhonda & Elton Bright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee Denham



Rhonda & Elton Bright - June 15, 2017 at 06:12 PM

TW

“ The Whitney"s purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Richard Lee Denham.



The Whitney"s - June 15, 2017 at 05:48 PM