



## Richard William Apgar, Sr.

February 10, 1945 - November 22, 2021

Richard William Apgar, Sr. age 76, died in his Mooresville, North Carolina home on November 22, 2021 to be with the Lord. Rich was born in Fairfax County, Virginia on February 10, 1945, the son of Herbert and Aileen Apgar, and grew up in Clifton, Virginia. He met and married Betty Timmons, his wife of 40 years, while a college student in Milledgeville, GA. He began a 25-year career with Eastern Airlines in northern Virginia, followed up with 15 years in the real estate market.

Rich was very involved in his community throughout his life, serving in various roles at St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Fairview United Methodist. He enjoyed volunteering as a soccer coach in Iredell County, and his early efforts helped to get soccer established in the county. He loved hunting and fishing and helping others in the neighborhood. He was truly a good Samaritan to anyone in need. He could fix anything and was always happy to help others!

Rich is predeceased by his parents and his first wife. He is survived by his current wife of 11 years, Brenda Napier Apgar. He is also survived by his children, Richard William Apgar, Jr. (Sarah) of Jefferson, North Carolina, daughter Cathy Cocolas (Anthony) of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, Dr. Mark Stephen Apgar (Sylvia) of Denver, North Carolina and stepchildren Tony Napier and Abbey Napier of Mooresville. His grandchildren include Abigail Grace Apgar, Alexis Catherine Cocolas, Samuel Anthony Cocolas, Marcus Russell Apgar, Annabelle Elizabeth Apgar, Georgia Joan Apgar, Jack Timmons Apgar, and Ford Thomas Apgar and brother, Stephen L. Apgar.

Rich was a huge animal lover, and his pets brought him tremendous joy. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory can be made to the Carolina Raptor Center, 6000 Sample Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078 or Lake Norman Humane Society 2106 Charlotte Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28117.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Apgar family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Rich. He was a beautiful soul who brought happiness and inspiration to myself and many others. He was friendly, fun, gentle and easy to communicate with. I will quickly recall his big broad smile and gregarious nature when thinking of him. I truly appreciate what he brought to this earth while traveling through during his 76 years. May he rest peacefully and always elicit a smile to the many folks whose lives were positively impacted by his love & friendship. Prayers and blessings to his family & friends.

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**Dave DeQuick** - November 28, 2021 at 09:13 PM

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“ With heartfelt sympathy and love, we are truly sorry for your loss. Prayers for you both, Cathy and Richard. South Iredell High School Class of 1984 .Go Vikings!

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**Viking** - November 25, 2021 at 09:12 AM

GH

“ I attempted a message earlier view the Iredell Free News, but realized that I wasn't correct in my memory. Dick, as I knew him in the early 1970's worked the gate together at Houston Intercontinental Airport, not Washington National.

*I am sorry to hear of his passing and send loving thoughts to his family and friends!*

*Gloria Hunter*

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**Gloria Hunter** - November 24, 2021 at 05:09 PM

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“ Rich was a very special and dear friend to me and my family. He will always be in my heart. And will remember all of the memories I have, there are so many. Love. And prayers to the who family.

*Mary Jo Repak*

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**MaryJo** - November 24, 2021 at 12:01 PM

DM

“ *The first time I met Rich he told me how he fell in love with Betty the first time he saw her across a crowded room - just like the song. He loved her so much. He loved his beautiful children and grands too.*

*I never will forget him singing in the garage with radio on when I visited Betty at their home.*

*Betty also told me Rich had visited people in jail to share Christ's love for all. What a blessing Rich was to all that knew him including me. He was an awesome roll model of a family man. Condolences to everyone in the family. Hugs and prayers 🙏*

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**Debby Mayhew** - November 24, 2021 at 09:10 AM