



Richard Laurence Lowder

April 26, 1934 - October 21, 2016

He was born on April 26, 1934 in Montgomery County, NC, to the late Bernard and Deborah Scarborough Lowder. Mr. Lowder was a US Army veteran serving in the Korean Conflict. He received his Bachelor and Master's Degree in education from Appalachian State University. Dick Lowder became a " Mooresville boy" in 1959 when he joined the extended Brawley family. He joined the faculty of Mooresville Junior High School in 1960, teaching science to hundreds of now-grateful young citizens. He taught his students as friends, leading them on life's journey with guidance and good advice. He taught with a passion for knowledge, instilling a love of learning in Mooresville's young people. He retired in 2006, but never retired from living life to the fullest and always learning and teaching and sharing his gift with everyone he met.

Extraordinary describes Dick Lowder. In the Biology lab, behind the camera, or in a stream catching fish, he excelled at all he tried. The community was blessed by his presence, improved by his influence and diminished by his absence. Dick was a charter member of the Mooresville Civitan Club. He was a member of Vanderburg United Methodist Church in Mooresville. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Suzie Brawley. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Elizabeth Brawley Lowder; daughter, Leigh Lowder Whitfield and husband, Greg; grandsons, Michael Gregory Whitfield, Jr. and Richard Lowder Whitfield; and brother-in-law, George W. Brawley, Jr. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, October 26 at Vanderburg United Methodist Church with Rev. Tommy Conder and Rev. Joe

Parker officiating. Burial will follow the service in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 5:30-8:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lowder Scholarship Fund of Vanderburg UMC, 1809 Charlotte Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28115. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Lowder family. Condolences may be made to www.cavin-cook.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Laurence Lowder*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Richard Laurence Lowder*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Richard Laurence Lowder*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Even after 50 years, I can still envision Mr. Lowder standing in his white lab coat, wearing safety glasses and holding a beaker next to a Bunsen burner with that ever present mischievous smile; a subtle hint that once again, we were in for a real treat. His class was my favorite in Junior High school, second only to band rehearsal of course! May you and yours find solace in the knowledge that he enriched so many lives with his passion for teaching and love of life.*

Walter and Sherry Klepfer - October 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Libby, I write this from Helen Cochrane and all of her family. We send our deepest sympathy and good wishes to you and all your family. Good teachers have a special and life-long effect on their students!*

Krisan Gregson - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Mrs. Lowder , Leigh and Family, Just a note to let you all know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Mr. Lowder was a great teacher and an inspiration to me and my brother, John, especially with his photography. Mrs. Lowder, you were and always will be a special teacher and inspiration to us. God Bless! John and Jennifer Eakle

Jennifer Eakle Cook - October 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Leigh and Family, I am so sorry for the passing of your dad. He was a good man and I always enjoyed being around him when we were growing up. Praying for you guys!

October 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I only this evening heard about my friend Richard. What a champ of a guy. We had so many great times together hiking, camping, fishing. No matter what the adventure Richard always was the perfect gentleman, strong, supportive, always willing to assist and teach, and always the dedicated Christian. How I shall miss him.

Bruce McNeely - October 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Libby and Leigh, I was so sorry to read about Richard's passing. I'm sure that by now the angels are enjoying his practical jokes! I love you both and pray God's blessings on you in this time of sorrow.

Carl Eagle - October 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *What fond memories we have of our times with all of you in Mooresville, the mountains, and Wrightsville Beach! What a great loss for you and, indeed, all of Mooresville. Our love and prayers will be with you in the days and months to come.*

Susan and Jimmy Thompson - October 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *To Leigh and your family, my loving thoughts are with you at this sad time.*

Ann Raives - October 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Our family has known Richard and Libby and Leigh for a long time. Our loss is heaven's gain. We love you*

Lori and Ann Tolley - October 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Leigh, Mrs. Lowder and Family, Just want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this very sad and difficult time for you and Family. I know he will be greatly missed by all, but will always be close in heart powered by your loving memories of him.*

Telle Stafford - October 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ *Liz & Leigh, Mom just heard, tonight, of the passing your your husband/father. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you both and the rest of your family. Phyllis sends lots of hugs to you and hopes to see you Wednesday. Much love, Phyllis, Gene and Gena*

Gena (Honeycutt) Taylor - October 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Sending my condolences to a friend for many years*

Juan Pinkston - October 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our heartfelt prayers to Libby, Leigh, Greg, Michael & Richard. Richard was much loved & will be greatly missed!!! Roger & Debbie Walker*

October 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy in your loss. Enjoyed the years we had together in the Civitan Club. Robert Holshouser*

October 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *No doubt Mr Lowder played a role in my choice of profession. I have practiced as a physician in the Raleigh area for more than 30 years and still remember my Biology with Mr Lowder*

Charles Pope - October 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *The world's best listener with a smile that would light up a room. You will be missed by many Dick Lowder. RIP*

Nina Newton Wall - October 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Mr. Lowder was a wonderful teacher. I never look at a rainbow without thinking of him and his prism of rainbow colors and how to remember those colors of the rainbow by the name ROY G BIV. Yes that question was on our next test. He and Mrs. Lowder attended our 40th class reunion several years ago. Their smiles and kindness will always remain in our hearts. Prayers for the family.

Sherry Deaton - October 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for the passing of Mr. Richard Lowder. So much has been said by others already which is such a wonderful testament to the great man he was. I would like to say BRAVO to a man who always lived his life by example. He demonstrated that example to all who knew and loved him. The world has lost one of its shining stars, but heaven will shine a little brighter now that Richard "Dick" Lowder has arrived at his forever home. Love, hugs, and blessings to his family as they prepare to honor a life lived well by this great man. Nancy & Allen Massey

October 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Leigh, I just heard about your Father's passing and am deeply saddened and wish you comfort in this time of loss. We are thinking of you and your family. Adam Crilly and your friends at LN ED

October 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Mr. Lowder was a wonderful teacher and tried to be of help anyway he could. He was my 9th grade teacher and without him I would not have made it to the 10th grade. Mr. Lowder you will be missed.

charles black - October 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Leigh & Mrs. Lowder, I just saw the obituary and want both of you to know you are in my prayers as you go through the next few days preparing to bury your loved one. May you feel the arms of Jesus around you during this time. Vickey Stowe

October 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM