

Richard Craig Yokeley

February 14, 1945 - March 1, 2025

Richard "Rick" Craig Yokeley, 80, of Statesville, NC, passed away on March 1, 2025, at Gordon Hospice House.

He was born on February 14, 1945, in Winston-Salem, NC, to Joe and Cress Yokeley. Rick graduated from Ledford High School in 1963 before earning his Bachelor of Science degree from High Point University and his Master of Arts degree from California State University.

He honorably served in the United States Navy from 1963 to 1965 aboard the USS Oriskany aircraft carrier, where he worked as a supply clerk. This role sparked a lifelong career in materials and supply chain management. He went on to hold management positions at Ingersoll Rand and Krispy Kreme, became a franchise owner of Mail Boxes Etc., and later shared his knowledge as a professor of Supply Chain Management at Forsyth Tech Community College.

Rick was a member of Prospect Presbyterian Church and a former member of Clemmons Presbyterian Church. His faith was an important part of his life.

Above all, his world was centered around his daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Poppop was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, always finding joy in their

accomplishments and milestones.

Rick is survived by his loving wife, Vickie Yokeley; daughters, Jana Coulter (Joe) and Cindy Rothrock (Robbie); and stepsons, Russell Thompson (Kellie) and Kevin Thompson (Debbie). He was a proud grandfather to ten grandchildren: Brandon Rothrock, Callie Rothrock, Hunter Smith, Lindsey Smith, Jordan Smith, Shelby Neill, Jessica Baker, Hayley Thompson, Riley Thompson, and Lainey Thompson. He was also blessed with four great-grandchildren-Camsen, Malachi, Haynes, and Hudson-with one more, Rowan, on the way. He is also survived by his loving sister, Joyce Yokeley Blair of Houston, Texas, as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Cress Yokeley, and his two brothers, Frank and Gary Yokeley.

A Celebration of Life will be held on March 8, 2025, at 2:00 PM at New Mount Vernon United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, NC.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Iredell County, Shady Grove Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, or Prospect Presbyterian Church in Mooresville, NC in Rick's memory.

Rick will be remembered for his sense of humor and unwavering devotion to his family. His presence will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Yokeley family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

New Mount Vernon United Methodist Church
6408 Friendship Ledford Rd
Winston-Salem, NC 27107-9125
(336) 769-3360

Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Triad Treatment Home/ Pam Barrier purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Richard Craig Yokeley.*



Triad Treatment Home/ Pam Barrier - March 06, 2025 at 08:36 PM

KM

“ *Sending love, thoughts, and prayers to you and your family during this tough time*

Krista & Perry Miller - March 06, 2025 at 12:15 PM

GB

“ *I miss the Ingersoll-Rand days. I worked with Vickie. I remember Rick well. Always a delight and a laugh. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Heaven gained a delightful soul. God bless Vickie and the family.*

Gail Beaver - March 06, 2025 at 08:58 AM

TC

“ Well I’m speechless and stricken. All my elder statesman have returned home. Bless you all and thank you immensely for making life wonderful. You were all the best top of the line champion brothers . Every passing moment remains a treasure in our hearts. Bless you all and thank you thank you thank you 🙏



Tim Craig - March 06, 2025 at 07:21 AM

AG

“ I have so many great memories from our summer visits with our NC family. Whether spending time at the cabin or watching Rick try to free his car that my dad had locked to our basketball net, we always had fun! I will remember our last visit as Mike and I stopped on our way back north. Rest in peace Rick 💙



Amie Grubb - March 05, 2025 at 08:52 PM

SJ

“ SHELLY & JACK lit a candle in memory of Richard Craig Yokeley



SHELLY & JACK - March 05, 2025 at 06:33 PM

SH

Even though we have only known Rick a few short years, he was a wonderful neighbor and a great man. He leaves a great legacy. Rest in peace. Jack and Shelly

SHELLY - March 05, 2025 at 06:36 PM

RC

“ *May the love of God surround you and comfort you during this time. Just know that God has called one his angels home.*

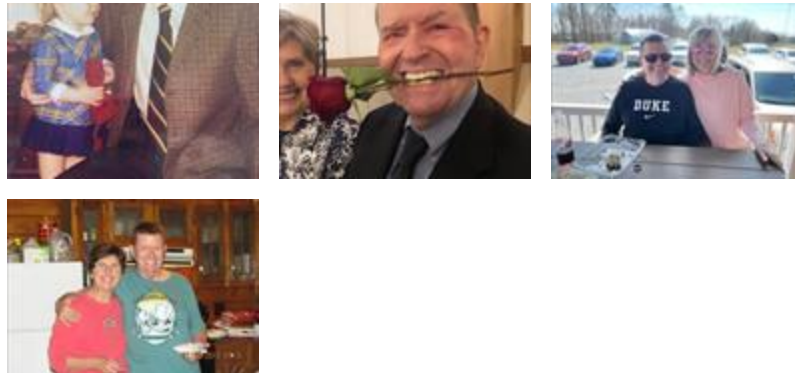
Ruby H. Cox



Ruby H. Cox - March 05, 2025 at 02:58 PM

JC

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Jana Coulter - March 05, 2025 at 12:58 PM

RZ

“ *Robbie and Sandra Zimmerman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Craig Yokeley.*

Robbie and Sandra Zimmerman - March 05, 2025 at 12:55 PM

CR

“ *The best Pop Pop in the whole wide world. Me and the boys will miss you until we meet again one day. ~Callie Lou*

callie rothrock - March 05, 2025 at 12:42 PM