



Richard Sifford

August 24, 1943 - November 24, 2018

Richard Sifford, formerly of Terrell and Holly Lake, TX, passed away Saturday November 24, 2018 in Tyler. He was born August 24, 1943 in Terrell, Texas to Loran H. and Lila Stephens Sifford. Richard was met in Heaven by his beloved wife, Joyce, parents and brothers: James and Nolan Sifford.

Richard grew up in Terrell and attended Terrell Schools where he made many friendships that continued his whole life. Upon turning 18, Richard enlisted in the US Marine Corps where he proudly served our country. During his service, Richard sent a letter with a marriage proposal to the love of his life, Joyce Hendon, and she happily accepted. Joyce and Richard had known each other since he was 9 years old and their love was built on the foundation of faith and devotion. They were married for 53 years until her passing in January, 2017. Richard worked for, and retired from, Mrs. Baird's Bread, a job he truly enjoyed because of his co-workers and the reputation of Mrs. Baird's in the D/FW area. He loved giving back to the communities he served and, as a result, the City of Duncanville bestowed upon him a proclamation for "Richard Sifford Day" honoring his many hours of volunteer work. He was also inducted to the Texas Police Officers Hall of Fame for his tireless devotion to volunteering with both Duncanville and Hawkins police departments and their many outreach programs. Richard had a membership with the Duncanville Jaycees where his civic pride showed in every event. Richard was also inducted into the Pony League Baseball Hall of Fame commemorating his encouragement to young athletes and umpiring over the years. In his spare time, he avidly studied, read, and researched all forms of history especially American History and the history of Armed Forces. His admiration and respect for ALL branches of military was very strong and Richard made sure that every patriotic event and holiday were marked with pride and honor.

Richard is survived by his daughter Beverly Lassiter, and James Morgan, of Burleson, Tx; his son, Jason Sifford and wife, Kelly, of Mechanicsville, Md; 5 grandchildren: Amber Bankston and husband, Kolten, of Odessa, TX, Brian Kerr and wife, Brittany, of Ft. Worth, Corey Kerr and wife, Anna, of Ft Worth, Zach Ayers and wife, Alison, of La Plata, MD, and Megan Kerr of Ft. Worth; twelve great grandchildren; siblings: Merita Harper, Barbara Ennis, Emma Jo Moss, Linda Reyes and husband, Mel, Paul Sifford and wife, Sunny,

Kathy Quattlebaum, and husband, Buzzy; special friend, Wanda Smith, as well as numerous nieces nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

Funeral services for Richard will be 3 pm Sunday December 2, 2018 at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations. Visitation will be at 2 pm Sunday one hour prior to service. Private interment will be at DFW National Cemetery.

The family requests, in honor of Richard's love of helping others, that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to CASA for Kids of East Texas 3728 S. Park Dr. Tyler, Tx 75703 or your local Toys for Tots.

Cemetery Details

Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations
642 N Rockwall Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160
(972) 524-0881
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 3:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations
642 N Rockwall Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160
(972) 524-0881
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Sifford*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Richard I will always respect and remember you as a good friend and boss. 38 years you hired me as a young kid straight out of the Army. May you Rest In Peace.*

Ron McPhetridge - September 25, 2021 at 09:49 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - December 03, 2018 at 09:33 AM



“ *Richard, you were a very wonderful friend to me when I worked at Mrs Bairds. He always knew how to cheer me up since I was from Louisiana I missed my family, he always joked around and said “Girl I bet you can swim like an alligator and have web feet” being from Shreveport I was able to visit with him when he was in the VA hospital a few times. RIP dear friend we will always remember you, now you are with Joyce and Jesus no more pain, love and miss you!*

Sylvia Havens Shelby - December 01, 2018 at 01:48 PM



“ *Cousins are people that are ready made friends, you have laughs with them and remember good times from a young age, you have fights with them but you always know you love each other, they are a better thing than brothers and sisters and friends cause there all pieced together as one.*

Richard was always happy, laughing and made us feel great.

Ron and Cleo

Ron - December 01, 2018 at 06:18 AM

DL

“ I will always remember Richard for his humor and wit. He made my time working at Mrs Baird’s such a fun atmosphere to work in. He also helped me through during a very difficult time. I will always remember Richard.

Donna Benton Lawless - November 29, 2018 at 07:08 PM

BB

“ Our sincerest blessing to the family for the opportunity of working with Richard over the years at the bakery. Richard was always outgoing and a great friend to work with.

Byron Baird

Byron Baird - November 29, 2018 at 11:44 AM

GR

“ Bob and I have been blessed to have Richard as a friend the last 9 months. We ate an evening meal with him several days a week. Others (Joan, Joy, Kathy, Marilyn, Varonica were often at the table. There is a saying "if you eat at my table you are family." Richard often told us we were family. We really liked that. We didn't know him in his years of wonderful community service, but we heard the stories and we were glad for him. We few tried to watch out for each other. We saw a change in his body language his last week. Quickly is how he wanted to leave... we miss him terribly and pray for you, his family. We are so very glad to have known our friend, Richard.

🙏 gaylene and bob

Gaylene Ripley - November 28, 2018 at 04:43 PM

JV

“ Mr Sifford was a wonderful person & we will miss him dearly. He always brightened our day, even sending the dialysis staff flowers from time to time. He was a very special patient and we have all been grief stricken by his passing. We loved his stories and his contagiously positive attitude. It was a pleasure and a privilege to have taken care of him. Prayers for comfort and peace for his family. May he Rest In Peace with our Lord. With much love... Julie Vestfals, RN

Julie Vestfals - November 27, 2018 at 10:42 PM



“ Ray and I have some wonderful memories, working with Richard at Bairds bakery in Dallas. We retired in 1995 and had no idea he followed us to east Texas. Lo and behold we stopped at a restaurant in Hawkins, and there was Richard a policeman. We will always remember you. Ray and Mary Baker

Mary Baker - November 27, 2018 at 02:08 PM

AS

“ Al Simmons purchased the Loved One Vertical Blanket for the family of Richard Sifford.



Al Simmons - November 27, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JA

“ Richard has been a very good friend for at least 43 years. He will be missed very much. There were five of us old retirees who got together every year just before Christmas for breakfast in Jacksonville, Texas. There are only three of us left but Richard will be in our memories as we continue the tradition this year. Sadly for us he and Bill Huckaby have gone on to heaven. We will meet again someday.
Jim Anderson

Jim Anderson - November 27, 2018 at 08:58 AM

DL

Richard made such a difference for me during my time working at Mrs Baird's. His humor and wit made it such a fun place to work. His friendship got me through a very difficult time and I will miss him very much.
Donna Benton Lawless

Donna Benton Lawless - November 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Sifford.



November 26, 2018 at 10:41 PM

W?

“ With all our love, Tony, Kathy and family ?? purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Sifford.



With all our love, Tony, Kathy and family ?? - November 26, 2018 at 07:53 PM