



Richard Gary Hand

September 23, 1955 - August 10, 2024

Richard Gary Hand, 68, passed away August 10, 2024.

A native of Greenville, South Carolina, son of Vera Joanna Lynn Hand and the late Richard Lamar Hand, he was a retired electrical engineer and a member of Apalache Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to his mother are two sons, Jonathan Hand (Regan) and Jason Hand (Jennifer); two sisters, Rhonda Lynn Spencer (Tim) and Patty Miller (Joe); and four grandchildren, Preston Hand, Graham Hand, Avery Hand, and Hudson Hand.

Mr. Hand was predeceased by one daughter, Lori Michelle Hand.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, August 16, 2024, at Apalache Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Brian Childers. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held 11:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m. August 16, 2024, at Apalache Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to Apalache Baptist Church, 1915 Gap Creek Road, Greer, South Carolina 29651.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

1 Pine Knoll Drive
Greenville, SC 29609

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Apalache Baptist Church
1915 Gap Creek Road
Greer, SC 29651

Service

AUG **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ Met Gary in the early 1980's. He was my dad's friend from work. So many good times and fond memories! We enjoyed his cheerful company and laughter amongst us. Had just thought of him before i found out recently of his passing. He would stop by Dad's every so often just to see him and hoping I would be there to enjoy his company. I will miss his positivity! My sincere condolences go out to his family and friends. From: Shane Berkley

Shane Berkley - August 19, 2024 at 04:11 PM

VB

“ Gary and I started hanging out in 1978. We would go to Paris Mountain State Park and walk the upper trail going to the water source for Greenville at one time. We saw little lizards while we were sitting and talking. In the Fall the lake would be so beautiful with the reflection of the sky and trees on the water. On the way back to the parking lot we would take the lower trail. Halfway back we would scamper down to the creek next to the trail to sit on the stones to chat and listen to the water running by. It was just wonderful! We would take drives to a flea market near Pickens and stop on the way and get boiled peanuts from the peanut man's little trailer. We shared many sunsets at the Rock on Paris Mountain on our Thursday Night get togethers. He would stop by out of the blue to come by and see me There are so many fond memories and good times that we enjoyed! I will miss him so much. Goodbye my dear friend. My sincere condolences go out to the family and friends. From Vince Berkley.

Vince Berkley - August 19, 2024 at 04:00 PM

RS

“ *Renee Swangler lit a candle in memory of
Richard Hand*



Renee Swangler - August 16, 2024 at 03:55 PM

MB

“ Wow, where to start...

We moved next door to Hand family when I was 4 years old. Gary and I hit it off right away even though he was a couple of years older than me. We instantly became best friends so just about all my memories have Gary in them somewhere.

We basically grew up together from when we were little kids all the way through high school and beyond. I even followed him to Daniel Engineering after college and we worked together there for many years.

We did lots of fun, crazy stuff over the years and I think my childhood might have been a lot less exciting and much more boring without Gary in it. He was always coming up with things we should build or crazy things we should do.

Once, when I was about 11 or 12 and he was about 13 or 14, he came up with a way we could keep in touch without using the phone. We buried an electrical cable between our houses and ran one end into his bedroom and the other end into mine. We connected a small lamp on each end and, somehow, he wired it up where we could turn the other person's lamp on and off. We made up our own kind of Morse Code so we could send messages to each other. Our buried cable was just long enough to barely reach inside our windows, so the lamps had to sit on the windowsill.

When we showed it to our moms they got upset. We couldn't understand why, they just kept saying that we shouldn't use the red lightbulbs that we had in our lamps!

Gary, you were my big brother I always wanted and I hope I was the little brother you always wanted!

Michael Bowman - August 15, 2024 at 08:46 PM

RB

“ Sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Please accept our sympathy at this time of sorrow. Ron, Judy Barbare and Family

ronald f barbare - August 15, 2024 at 05:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Gary Hand.*



August 15, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Gary and his Monkey*



Michael Bowman - August 14, 2024 at 12:51 PM



“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Prayerfully,
Pam Garrett*

PAMELA GARRETT - August 13, 2024 at 08:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Gary Hand.*



August 13, 2024 at 07:07 PM

YF

“ Your DZ Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Gary Hand.

Your DZ Family - August 13, 2024 at 07:07 PM

CW

“ Rhonda, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

cindy waldrop - August 13, 2024 at 11:42 AM

BL

“ Becky Galloway Susan Lynn Richard Lynn purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Richard Gary Hand.



Becky Galloway Susan Lynn Richard Lynn - August 13, 2024 at 10:55 AM

DY

“ Deborah Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Gary Hand.

Deborah Y. - August 13, 2024 at 09:08 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Richard Gary Hand.



August 13, 2024 at 08:35 AM



“ Wilda Henson lit a candle in memory of Richard Hand



Wilda Henson - August 12, 2024 at 06:04 PM



“ Richard was a dear friend. He had the sweetest Smile and loved to have me and my son Ray Visit with his mother, his Aunt Mina and him. He loved my cherry cobbler! I'm so happy that I had The privilege of baking him three over the past Months. We saw him last August the 3 rd but We know we will see him in Heaven one sweet Glorious day! We will miss you Dear Gary!!



Jane Orr - August 12, 2024 at 05:17 PM