



## Richard Earl Wise

May 21, 1933 - March 24, 2024

Richard Earl Wise, 90, passed away Sunday, March 24, 2024, at the Agape Hospice House of Lexington, South Carolina after a brief illness. Richard was born to the late Jacob Cecil Wise and Ruby Livingston Wise in Newberry, South Carolina on May 21, 1933. He was a United States Navy Veteran where he served on the U.S.S Wasp from 1952- 1956 stationed in Japan during the Korean Conflict. He was decorated with the United Nation Medal, Korean Service Medal, and National Defense Medal. After his honorable discharge, Richard relocated to Rome, Georgia and was employed at Inland Rome International Paper Company for 34 years until his retirement in 1995. Mr. Wise was an avid woodworker all his adult life and spent his retirement years making wooden toys that he designed, including several military planes. His B17 Bomber is on display at the B17 Museum in Pooler, Georgia. He incorporated his business as WEE BEE TOYS in 1996. Richard and Becky moved from Marietta, Georgia to Columbia, South Carolina in June 2021 to be closer to his family. Richard was married to his first wife, Louise Jacobs Wise from October 7, 1961, until her death May 23, 1983.

Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Becky Campbell Wise of the home; one daughter, Mary Louise Wise Clark (Randy) of Rome, Georgia; two sons, Chris Fuller and Bryan Fuller (Angie) both of Greer, South Carolina; one sister, Marie Wise Cronk of Irmo, South Carolina; Godson, Conner Faile of Cartersville, Georgia; six grandchildren, Emma Louise Clark, Hope Fuller, Eric Fuller (Avery), Angel Nelson, Aydan Fuller, and Brandon Roddy; eight great-

grandchildren, Jessica, Anna, Noah, Riley, Leah, Mason, Landon, and Isla-Mae; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Wise was predeceased by two sisters, Dot Bedenbaugh and Frances Lester; and one brother, Jacob Wise.

Funeral services will be held 12:00 p.m. Friday, March 29, 2024, at The Wood Mortuary Chapel conducted by Tempe Brown. Burial will follow in Graceland East Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held 10:30-11:45 a.m. Friday, March 29, 2024, at The Wood Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to honor Richard's love for animals to Ark of Grace Ministries, Inc., 815 Route 82 Unit 1317 Hopewell Junction, New York 12533.

Online condolences may be made to [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland East Memorial Park

2206 Woodruff Road  
Simpsonville, SC 29681

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 29. 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

## Service

MAR 29. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

CL

“ *Becky - I am so sorry for your loss. May his memory be a blessing.  
Cheryl*

Cheryl Lituchy - April 14, 2024 at 08:26 PM

SF

“ *I was layed off from my job 3 weeks after 9/11. Several weeks into my job search things were not great. My son was in the first grade, and I was trying to keep things as normal a possible. Our public library was hosting a Halloween costume contest. I asked Richie if he could make my son a wooden sword for his Lord of the Rings costume. Not only did Richard make a sword but being the master wood craftman that he was, he made a fully functional wooden shield with handle and leather strap. My son won the costume contest. Richard Wise was a person that brought happiness to those around him. We will miss him.*

Steve, Betty, & Conner Faile - March 29, 2024 at 08:49 AM

LE

“ *Sorry to hear of Mr. Wise's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.*

Lee - March 29, 2024 at 07:49 AM

SF

*Bless you, Lee!*

Steve, Betty, & Conner Faile - March 29, 2024 at 09:37 AM

BF

*Happy May Birthday in Heaven this month, Richie Bear! May 21st will not be the same without you here on earth! Thank You, for all the fond birthday's, anniversary's, Christmas, etc. We enjoyed our time with you meeting up at the "Pizza Farm" in Rockmart. I wonder if our Lord, God has you doing some fine wood working for Him in Heaven, you know, HE was a carpenter. God Blessed many of us on earth with your presence, your love, and your example. Love you, brother! Can't wait to see you again.*

**Betty Faile** - May 09, 2024 at 05:11 PM

PE

“ *To know Richie was to love him. He was such a dear gentle soul. He and Becky received such special gifts from God: for Becky her Richie bear and for Rich his Becky. A truly blessed couple! May our hearts always be filled with joy and love in remembrance of Richie. And he makes music with the angels!*

**Penny** - March 28, 2024 at 02:38 PM

DJ

*To the family I loved taking care of Mr Richard he will truly be missed every morning I walked in his room he will wave at me and smile and every time I will leave he will tell me he love me and kiss me on my jaw to Mrs Becky I love you and we will stay in touch and to Chris thank you so much for the things I seen you do for Mr Richard you are awesome Ayden hang in there because I know how much he loved you when you brought him his Christmas gift I love yall*

**Daisy Jones** - March 29, 2024 at 10:38 AM

BF

“ *Bob Pacific, Jana Marsh and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard Earl Wise.*



**Bob Pacific, Jana Marsh and Family** - March 28, 2024 at 10:19 AM

EH

“ I know Richard is now well and whole in the arms of Jesus. His home going leaves a hole in the hearts of all who love him. May Jesus fill the hearts of Becky, Mary, Bryan, & Chris and the hearts of his sister, grandchildren, godson and the rest of his family with comfort and peace only He can provide is our prayer!!  
Earnest & Mary Ann Hanvey



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Earnest/Mary Ann Hanvey - March 27, 2024 at 08:27 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Earl Wise.



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March 27, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard Earl Wise.



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March 27, 2024 at 11:44 AM

MB

“ Richard was our neighbor before he and Becky moved to South Carolina. I remember listening to and watching him make his toys. He made a special one for my husband and I daughter. She cherishes it to this day. Rest in the arms of JESUS, Richard!

Michele Baumgartner - March 26, 2024 at 07:11 PM



“ Richard was a great neighbor. Miss our conversations. Touch the Face of God , Richard.

Mark Baumgartner - March 26, 2024 at 07:03 PM

JF

“ Jill F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Earl Wise.

Jill F. - March 26, 2024 at 03:15 PM

CL

“ Rich was a proud veteran, a good father, and a wonderful husband to Becky. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. May his memory be a blessing to all those who loved him. So sorry for your loss.

Coleen Lou - March 26, 2024 at 02:53 PM

SS

“ Rich was a wonderful, sweet man who was so good to his family. He and Becky adored each other and really looked out for each other always. I know he will be missed by everyone and I am so sorry for his loss. I hope his memory will be a blessing. - Sherri Shapiro

Sherri Shapiro - March 26, 2024 at 11:15 AM

JS

*Richard was the love of Becky's life. He was a true gentleman. May his memory be a blessing.*

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**Joan Stuart** - March 26, 2024 at 07:07 PM

LB

*Becky I was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of your beloved Richie. He was a gentleman, a man of integrity and I know his love and presence brought so much joy and light into your life and the lives of others. Richie's memory will forever live on in your heart and in all the cherished moments you shared. Please know that we are here for you during this difficult time. We love you, Lynette and Stan*

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**Lynette Berelowitz** - March 27, 2024 at 10:15 PM