



Richard "Ricky" Lee Marchman

August 28, 1953 - May 23, 2026

Richard Lee Marchman was born on Friday, August 28, 1953, at Newnan Hospital to the late Homer Lee and Effie Zella Marchman. He was the eighth of nine children. Ricky always said that he did not have much of what so many people consider to be important in this life, but he always knew he was loved. That belief would carry through for all the days of his life and became even more important in his later years. Ricky went to his heavenly home on Saturday, May 23, in the comforting presence of his loved ones. The fact that this was only a temporary separation was Ricky's absolute belief and a relief to his family that he would receive his perfect healing.

Ricky graduated from Newnan High School in 1971 and went on to graduate from the University of West Georgia in 1975. He met his wife, Deborah, on Labor Day while working at the Powers Crossroads Arts & Crafts Festival in 1979. They married in 1980. Theirs was a wonderful love story that would continue for 46 years. The love they forged would carry them through some difficult times as Ricky dealt with health issues in the later years of their marriage. The fact he and Deborah loved God first and each other unconditionally, was the force that kept them buoyed when others might give in to the trials of life and illness. They were blessed with three children. Ricky worked his entire career for Allstate Insurance Company until his retirement in 2010.

Ricky's faith was firmly grounded as a member of First Baptist Church of Newnan for the last thirty-five years. Ricky was blessed with a beautiful tenor

voice and honored the God who created him by being a part of the church choir. He loved listening to music and enjoyed singing with his family. He was famous for his participation in the Peachtree Road Race and ran in it for 30 years.

Preceding him in death were five of his siblings, father-in law, and mother-in-law (Elmer and Katherine Kendall). As difficult as it was for his family to let him answer God's call, they are, at the same time, thankful to recall the many great memories they shared in being a part of his life. Ricky was blessed with an earthly angel, his wife Deborah Kendall Marchman. Ricky was a steadfast role model for his children, Kendall (Darbie) Marchman of Athens, GA, Katy (Steven) Sosebee of Hogansville, GA, and Abigail (Andy Ellefsen) Strickland of Newnan. No grandfather could be prouder than he was of his four adoring grandchildren, Teegan Mae Sosebee, Parker Miles Sosebee, Blair James Ellefsen, and Brynlee Ann Ellefsen. Also surviving are his siblings Derrell Marchman, Joel Marchman, and Steve Marchman.

Family and friends will gather to share memories, tell stories (some more true than others) on Tuesday May 26th beginning at 5:00 until 7:00 PM at The Commonwealth at Calumet Clubhouse, 4700 Commonwealth Circle in Newnan. The service to honor his life will be on Wednesday, May 27th at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church.

Flowers are welcomed. Those who may choose to do so, may remember his life by a memorial contribution to First Baptist Church of Newnan fbcnewnan.org.

2 Timothy 4:7 " I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all of them also that love His appearing." Ricky Marchman has truly claimed his reward because he built his life as a servant of the God who created him. He was loved deeply by all of those he touched in his almost 73 years. To God be the glory!

McKoon funeral Home and Crematory 38 Jackson St Newnan GA 770-253-

4580. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY **26.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Commonwealth at Calumet Clubhouse
4700 Commonwealth Cir
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

MAY **27.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Newnan
15 West Washington Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Richard "Ricky" Lee Marchman.*



1 hour ago



“ *I went to grade school with Ricky at Moreland,he was one year ahead of me and was always so nice. I will always remember him running from the gym falling and breaking his arm. May he rest peace in peace.*

Cathy Houston Adams - 4 hours ago

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“ I am so sorry to learn of Ricky's passing. I was aware of him being ill now for many years. I've know Ricky since the early 60's. He was a very dear friend to me throughout the years. We played all kinds of ball together for many years. I remember when the Marchman Family moved from Newnan down to Moreland. We were always spending time with each other--mostly at his house down below the Moreland school. Just about every Saturday afternoon during baseball season I was over at his house watching the New York Yankees play baseball. His family always treated me as part of their own family. As teenagers, we would be in the middle of Hwy 29 constantly throwing a football back and forth with each other. That was when Hwy 29 was the main road to any destination south coming out of Newnan. We were lucky we never got hid by an oncoming vehicle. Even though I left Moreland in June 1971 to pursue an Air Force career, we kept in touch with each other throughout the years. He was a kind individual and always willing to help people when he could. The last time I saw him was on Feb 21, 2015 when I drove over to Panama City Beach, FL to eat dinner with him and his wife while they were there on vacation. However, I often called and checked on him. He will be missed and forever remembered. May God comfort the family during these sad times. He is no longer suffering. May he rest in peace.

Ray Craven
Ft. Walton Beach, FL

Ray Craven - 4 hours ago

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“ Deborah I am so sorry for your loss. Ricky was a great man. Mom thought the world of him. I know the two of them are rejoicing together. I wish I could be there but your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers. I love you all

Bonnie Chaires - 5 hours ago

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“ *Alyssa and The Central purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard "Ricky" Lee Marchman.*



Alyssa and The Central - 5 hours ago