



## James Leonard Richie Jr.

March 24, 1960 - April 15, 2021

James Richie, Jr., 61 of Beach, North Dakota passed away peacefully at home on April 15, 2021. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at First Lutheran Church in Beach with Pastor Roger Dieterle officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

James was born in Rapid City, South Dakota on March 24, 1960 to Dr. James Leonard Richie and Jone Yvonne Osborne Richie. He was long time resident of Corsicana, Texas and quite a fisherman. James had lots of tales to tell. With a wanderlust to travel, he found his little slice of heaven and made North Dakota his final earthly home. He became quite "The Gardner" and a beloved member of his community in Beach.

James is survived by his daughter, Kirsten Maye (Blake) Funderburk and her sons, Kane, Carson and Kalan Funderburk of Purdon, Texas; his brother, Lee "Jon" (Lisa) Richie and daughter, Mae-Li of Nichols, South Carolina; his nieces, Apiphany Richie and son, Jace of Spring Branch, Texas and Heather (Andreas) Lopez and daughter, Sable of Corpus Christi, Texas and nephew, Jonathan Richie of Lubbock, Texas (Go Red Raiders!); his sister, Jennifer Richie and her son, Christopher Welch and his sons, Ashton and Alex Welch and daughters, Jessica (Lance) Henderson and Emma Welch all of Corsicana, Texas; his sister, Debi Rust Harmon and her son, Landry and daughter, Jenna of Austin, Texas; his youngest brothers, Joe Richie of Incline Village, Nevada and Jason Richie of Jackson, California; and his niece,

Andrea Lee and nephew, Tom Lee, Jr of California.

James is preceded in death by his parents, James Sr. and Jone Richie; his sister, Valori Lee; his grandparents, Von and John Osborne and his sweet, precious son, Zane Avery Richie.

"Rest in peace and fly with the Angels. Until we meet again."

Live streaming of the Memorial Service is available on:

Facebook@FirstLutheranBeach. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

## Cemetery Details

### Beach Lutheran Cemetery

Beach, ND 58621

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

MAY **15**. 11:00 AM (MT)

First Lutheran Church  
225 2nd Ave SE  
Beach, ND 58621

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Leonard Richie Jr.*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. 😞 I only knew James for a short while. He and I shared the love of gardening 😊 May you find peace and serenity in the coming days. Hugs 🤗*

**Tana Buckingham** - May 13, 2021 at 03:42 PM



“ *Sending big prayers for comfort and peace for the family. We Love you Jen.*

**Rick Jamison** - May 08, 2021 at 10:56 PM



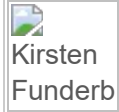
*Thank you Rick and Sherri*

**Jennifer Richie** - May 09, 2021 at 08:21 PM



“ *I have known James since we were kids in Colusa. We had a lot of fun in that town. Some mischief too. We talked a few days a week for the past few year, about cars, his gardening, and politics. I will miss those. I'm saddened that he has gone so soon. My prayers are with his family. Kirsten thank you for letting me know your dad passed. God bless you*

**Albert Serrano** - May 08, 2021 at 11:35 AM



*Absolutely.*

**Kirsten Funderburk** - May 11, 2021 at 12:45 AM

JF

“*Jennifer, I’m so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. James was always kind to me and I never forgot it. May God comfort you in your grief.*”

**Jane Farmer** - May 08, 2021 at 09:47 AM

JR

“*James had a horse and carriage business at one time. He loved horses.*”



**Jennifer Richie** - May 07, 2021 at 01:04 PM

JR

“ How does one post a memory of their big brother. An entire lifetime swirls in my head.

*As children riding the wheels off our bikes, teens experiencing growing pains and dealing with the fun, happiness, rewards, joys, sorrows, hardships and disappointments that are mixed into adulthood.*

*I am happy to learn of all your Beach friends. I hope and pray you were happy and content. You have crossed to your eternal life of peace and rest. And just so you know, my heart truly hearts.*

*Love you brother.*

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**Jennifer Richie** - May 07, 2021 at 12:58 PM

MT

“ Sorry for your loss I worked with James at Key Energy



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**Matthew Tjaden** - May 02, 2021 at 09:41 PM

MM

“ It was hard when Bill Allen passed away we all took it hard. Dave Steve Ferbie and Joe and Erin send our prayers. Keep on trucking on the Highway to Heaven from all of us at 8 Ball trucking Mitch Mayer

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**Mitchell Mayer** - May 02, 2021 at 09:39 PM

SF

“ I remember Lisa telling us to go see that helicopter and you were just excited. You told me all about how you wired hotels in Las Vegas when we replaced all the lights at the hotel. Thanks for helping with the front doors at the Dollar General and that sign up front. My condolences to your daughter you were so proud of. To your siblings and family  
Scott



Scott Feuerhelm - April 27, 2021 at 10:45 PM

EF

“ From the trip to Yellowstone where you enjoyed the Mag pie birds by Old Faithful. It was fun to watch you with Anastasia Tania Tantra and Dee. You helped wire the Beaver Creek Inn. I think your favorite trip was taking the exchange workers to Rapid City where you were born. I'll try to bring the Memory card to the funeral home to upload these photos. We enjoyed the stories of your love for your daughter Kirsten. The fond memories of your nephew Chris and his son. How much you loved your sister Jennifer. Rest In Peace now.



Ellen Feuerhelm - April 27, 2021 at 10:29 PM

TW

“ Tammy Wellard lit a candle in memory of James Leonard Richie Jr.



Tammy Wellard - April 22, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Silha Funeral Home** - April 22, 2021 at 12:57 PM

BW

“ *Bev Wolff lit a candle in memory of James Leonard Richie Jr.*



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**Bev Wolff** - April 21, 2021 at 05:07 PM

JR

*Would you bring a tomato plant for James' service and then enjoy some tomatoes in his memory. I've got one growing and named it Jimmy.*

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**Jennifer Richie** - May 07, 2021 at 05:19 PM

ME

“ *Mark And Dawn Egan lit a candle in memory of James Leonard Richie Jr.*



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**Mark and Dawn Egan** - April 20, 2021 at 07:21 PM