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Richard Nelms Herbert, Sr. 83, of Germantown went to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 29, 2022 at his home.

He was born on February 19, 1939 in Cape Girardeau, MO to Dr. Charles T. Herbert, Sr. and Martha Nelms Herbert.

Richard founded Contract Carpet Specialists and ran this successful business for more than 40 years. He floored more than 120 churches and educational institutions in Memphis.

Outside of work, Richard lived the life of many men. He spent much time with his beloved horse, Jake. Together they took part in Civil War Reenactments. He was a beekeeper and even dabbled in fencing. One of Richard's main passions was being a Reservist with the Memphis Police Department. On July 14, 2022 he celebrated 50 years of continuous service as an officer. He logged 32,000+ hours, which is equivalent to 20 years of full-time service. During his time with the MPD he served in various capacities including, Patrol, Vice, Mounted Patrol and the Motors Division. In Richard's last 10 years of his life, he dedicated his time to training his dog, Lily, to be a therapy dog with West TN Therapy Dogs. He was very passionate about visiting the children at St. Jude with the Doggy Daze program and visiting with distressed passengers at The Memphis Airport.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Carol Herbert, one son, Richard N. Herbert, Jr. and his wife, Norma, his daughter, Michelle Durham, four grandchildren: John, Charles, Sable, and Chase and seven great grandchildren.

The visitation will be held Wednesday, January 4, 2023 beginning at 2:00 p.m. with his memorial service to follow at 3:00 p.m. Memorial donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Events

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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, January 4, 2023

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT

 **Memorial Park Funeral Home**
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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D Hannah shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

With fond memories of our 1993 Wyoming adventure Deana and Jim Hannah 7th Tennessee

January 4 at 5:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Herbert family.

January 3 at 9:22 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Herbert family.

January 2 at 4:06 PM



Ronnie Fullwood posted:

Richard was a great friend of mine as well as many of the troopers in our Civil War Re-enactment unit, the 7th Tennessee Cavalry. He loved horses, especially his beloved mount Jake. Richard rode Jake in our 7th Tennessee Cavalry for many years, making historical movies, doing living histories on National Military Parks, as well as participating in numerous re-enactments. Richard also took great pride in riding horses with the Memphis Mounted Police Department. Rest easy my friend, we have you covered for your horse picket duty time! Col. Ronnie Fullwood 7th Tennessee Cavalry Commanding

January 2 at 3:46 PM



Denny Landry January 3 at 10:43 AM

Riches was a "Fine Fellow and Gentleman ". While riding with him in the 7Th Tennessee Cav Co D I was blessed with many fine campfire experiences. He would often tell us about his experiences as a Policeman. My favorite story was when he was asked about deciding to write a speeding ticket or a warning. What a fabulous perspective he had. He told us all "First I NEVER write a ticket to a fat or ugly person. Especially a girl. Why??? Well they never seem to get a break in life So I can at least be sure they got "A break at least one time". Soooooo. What about the "Pretty ones". Well the more they bat their eyes and gooo and gush about how sorry three are. The more likely they are to get a ticket. We all had such a grand time with Richard. Will miss him dearly. High Pvt Dennis.



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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