



# Richard James Haberle Jr

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**O**n Monday June 20, 2022 Richard James Haberle Jr, loving husband and extraordinary father, passed away at the age of 75. His last breath was taken surrounded by love in Tallahassee, Fl.

Richard aka as Habe was born in Philadelphia, PA September 27, 1946 to Richard James Sr and Verna Haberle. Habe was the second oldest of 4 children. Shortly after graduating high school, Habe joined the United States Air Force and honorably served in the Vietnam War. Following the war Habe went on to work in the air freight business and worked for companies such as PanAm with pride. In 1992, Habe finally met his match and married Elizabeth Anne (nee Schoudt) aka Betty Anne. In 1994 they moved to Fort Myers, Florida and raised their beautiful children with all the love they had to give.

Having lived in Fort Myers for 26 years Habe worked as head of security for the Edison Mall, a role he loved, before an early retirement in 2006. Habe adored animals, especially dogs!! Surely he was greeted to heaven by his many passed pups. He also had a deep appreciation for music and even sang Doo Wop on the streets of Philly as a young boy. He loved sports, particularly football and was a proud Philadelphia Eagles fan. But his greatest affection was for his family whom he spoke of all the time. He had 3 incredible grandchildren who he adored and admired with pride.

Habe is preceded in death by his parents and little brother/best friend Robert Haberle Sr. who was waiting for him in heaven with records playing and a story to tell. He is survived by his gorgeous wife of 30 years Betty Anne , his beautiful sisters Carole Bond of Lexington, KY and Jacqueline (Alvin) Ferrigno of Sicklerville, NJ, his loving cousin Robin Neil Haberle of Wilmington, DE, his children who absolutely adored him, Kasey Esposito of New Rochelle, NY and Ryan Mawson of Tallahassee, FL, and last but certainly not least his grandchildren Pietro (Peter), Sofia, Giulia and his grand puppy Louie Esposito.

Services to follow soon.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Big Bend Hospice for their extraordinary care in



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Habe's final days.

1723 Mahan Center Blvd  
Tallahassee FL 32308  
850-878-5310  
Bigbendhospice.org

There will be a committal service for Habe on Monday, July 25th, 2022 at 10:00 AM at his final resting place in Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery. 1589 Colonial Boulevard Fort Myers, FL 33907.




## Events

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### Committal in Cemetery

 **Monday**, July 25, 2022

 10:00 AM ET

 **Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery**  
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907





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**Karen Turnbow** posted:

I'll always remember Rich's Philadelphia "swagger" and "coolness" he brought to Jersey in the 60s. We went to the same high school and hung out with some of the same people, He had a great sense of humor and was fun to be with. I remember a gold ring he gave me, so I guess we "went steady" for awhile 😊 Thanks for the memories, Rich.

July 9 at 9:36 PM



**Elizabeth Haberle** July 11 at 10:40 AM

Thanks, Karen for your memories. Our Family truly apricates them.



**Chris** posted:

My favorite memories with Habe are Wednesday's.....Hump Daaaaaaay, as the progressive Camel would say. I could always get the biggest smile and chuckle out of him, no matter how bad he was feeling. Will miss you and I will cherish our Hump day shirts forever !!!

July 7 at 4:24 PM



**Elizabeth Haberle** July 11 at 10:41 AM

Thanks Chris. Don't know how to ever thank you for all the smiles and love you and Dwayne have given us.



**Elizabeth A. Haberle** posted:

I love you Habe! I miss you! Thank you for loving me! I will think of you every day and miss you every second of every day. I know your Happy because you're with Bobby, Robert, Dad, Mom and Uncle Sam. You can breathe and walk now without pain, tubes, meds, etc. I am Thankful for the time we shared and lived. Rest in Peace my dear husband and thank you for asking me to be your wife.xxxooo

July 7 at 2:14 PM



**Elizabeth A. Haberle** posted:

My husband was a good man. He loved his sisters, cousins, brother in laws, nieces, nephews, children and friend. I want to Thank those who wished him the dignity, Blessings and Love he deserved.

July 7 at 12:21 PM



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**Carole Bond** posted:

I can't remember a time in my life without my brother Rich. I was 21 months old when he was born. Together we survived childhood and our teenage years with dad, no easy feat!! The man I knew as my brother was kind, loving, and devoted to his family. I cannot believe that he would want his only child Richard to be omitted from his obit. If this was his intention then it pains me to think that he has gone to his grave never realizing that the greatest accomplishment of his life was, in fact, his son Richard. Rest In Peace dear brother. I love you.

July 7 at 11:43 AM



**Elizabeth Haberle** July 8 at 6:17 AM

Carole you were a very big part of your brother's life and he loved you very much. As far as his son Richard, I tried to explain to you, Jackie and Al that this was his wishes. His son did want him in life and Habe said, he would not have in death....Habe's wishes. I choose to honor his wishes.



**Stephannie** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I didn't get to see Uncle Richie very often once he moved to Florida but I have so many fond memories as a child taking family trips to the zoo, Batsto, family barbecues... times were different then. Cherish the memories of the good times to get you through the bad. ❌❌❌❌



July 6 at 6:42 AM



**Elizabeth Haberle** July 7 at 12:42 PM

Thanks so very much Stephanie....he loved you and your Husband, sister and brothers very much! He loved your dad as a brother and adored your mom.



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**Robin Neil Haberle** posted:

Rich, you were the closest person I ever had to a brother. I could never thank you enough for all you did for my dad over the years. You loved him and I know he loved you. And, I loved you too, Rich.Rob

July 5 at 11:54 AM



**Elizabeth Haberle** July 7 at 1:20 PM

Rob, Thank you so much for your memories. Habe truly loved you and thought the world of you.



**Elizabeth A. Haberle** July 7 at 12:13 PM

Thank you so much Rob for being such a good man to Habe. He loved you very much and thought the world of you!



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July 6 at 6:42 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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