



Richard Roe Rayner

September 26, 1932 - January 9, 2026

Richard Roe Rayner, age 93, of McDonough, a devoted family man, accomplished golfer, and consummate teller of jokes, passed away at home on January 9, 2026 with his wife and children by his side. Richard was born in Sandy Springs, GA on September 26, 1932 to the late Noah and Kate Rayner. He was also preceded in death by his children; Glenn Richard Rayner, Baby Boy Rayner, Jennifer Rayner Bennett, his sons-in-law; Jim Bennett, Steve Lister, and his five siblings. He is survived by his beloved wife; Grace, his girls; Lisa Kaye Rayner of Athens and Kimberly Rayner Lister of FL, his cherished grandchildren; Brandy Walker (Chris) Hodge, Richard Luke Bennett, Robert Hugh Bennett, Ryan Rayner Bennett, Lydia Grace (Timothy Church) Martin, Caroline Martin (Alex) Hines, Stacey Lister (John) Merritt, Stefanie Lister (Andy) Wardrep, and the greatest of great grandchildren; Walker Hodge, Weston Hodge, Bowen Hines, Brooklyn Hines, Cameron Merritt, Isabel Merritt, sister-in-law; Gail Marsden Hutchins, many nieces, nephews and extended family. As a Navy veteran of the Korean War, he served on the aircraft carrier USS Kearsarge (CV-33), which earned two battle stars during the war and the nickname "Mighty Kay." A Delta Air Lines Pioneer, Richard traveled extensively for both golf and leisure and had an innate talent for fixing things that, like his swing, came naturally to him. A memorial celebration of Richard's life will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at First Christian Church Jonesboro. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be held at

Resthaven Cemetery in Alpharetta at 3 PM following the church service.
Flowers will be accepted or contributions may be made in his name to: First
Christian Church Jonesboro, Benevolence Fund, 2272 Walt Stephens Rd.,
Jonesboro, GA 30236 or call 770-478-7870.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Christian Church of Jonesboro
2272 Walt Stephens Rd.
Jonesboro, GA 30236

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Christian Church of Jonesboro
2272 Walt Stephens Rd.
Jonesboro, GA 30236

Interment

JAN 17.

Resthaven Cemetery
Alpharetta, GA

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Drew and Kelle Sewell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Roe Rayner.

Drew and Kelle Sewell - January 16 at 12:28 PM

DS

“ Drew and Kelle Sewell purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.



Drew and Kelle Sewell - January 16 at 12:28 PM

WT

“ With love, Sharon and Michael Timpke purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.



With love, Sharon and Michael Timpke - January 16 at 11:04 AM

RB

“ Ron and Becky Bass purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.



Ron and Becky Bass - January 16 at 08:58 AM

BF

“ Barbara, Rick, Lynda, Courtney & Forrest planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Roe Rayner.

Barbara, Rick, Lynda, Courtney & Forrest - January 15 at 04:43 PM

BF

“ Barbara, Rick, Lynda, Courtney & Forrest purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.



Barbara, Rick, Lynda, Courtney & Forrest - January 15 at 04:43 PM

LC

“ Love- Gloria, Lisa, and Caprice purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.



Love- Gloria, Lisa, and Caprice - January 15 at 04:30 PM

JT

“ Joyce and Robert, Melissa and Trey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Roe Rayner.

Joyce and Robert, Melissa and Trey - January 15 at 03:01 PM

JT

“Joyce and Robert, Melissa and Trey purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.



Joyce and Robert, Melissa and Trey - January 15 at 03:01 PM



“Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.



January 15 at 11:20 AM

TF

“The Seydel Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Roe Rayner.

The Seydel Family - January 15 at 11:20 AM

LW

“ Sending all of Richard’s wonderful family my love and blessings for peace.
My memories of Richard were mainly in the 70 and 80’s. He and Grace would come to our house in Avondale for annual musical shindigs! Richard was always such a kind, attentive man. I just loved his smile! On our way to Hawaii on our honeymoon In 1986, Richard surprised us with free alcoholic beverages for my husband and I on our long Delta flights. We felt so special! That’s how he made others feel-SPECIAL. What a blessing and a great role model he was to everyone he loved.

Lynda Wade Wood - January 14 at 10:35 PM

TG

“ Terry Anderson & Felicia Gentry purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.



Terry Anderson & Felicia Gentry - January 14 at 06:12 PM

TF

“ The Willett Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Roe Rayner.

The Willett Family. - January 14 at 03:45 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.*



January 14 at 03:45 PM



“ *Susie Sammons McElroy and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Roe Rayner.*

Susie Sammons McElroy and Family - January 14 at 02:21 PM



“ *Susie Sammons McElroy and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.*



Susie Sammons McElroy and Family - January 14 at 02:21 PM

MM

“ My Uncle Richard was one of the few men I looked up to as a boy— someone I admired deeply and hoped to grow into. His life was a true example of kindness, integrity, and quiet strength. I carry so many warm memories of him: taking me to Delta where he worked, our family golf outings, and the meals shared in his home.

He was close to my father, and he extended that same care and affection to me. I will always be grateful for that.

We have lost one of God's good and faithful men. We love you, Richard, and I take comfort in knowing you are reunited with Jennifer in the love of Christ.

Michael Marsden - January 14 at 02:03 PM

Jl

“ John, Stacey, Cam and Isabel purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.



John, Stacey, Cam and Isabel - January 14 at 10:13 AM

JF

“ John and Donna Fincher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Roe Rayner.

John and Donna Fincher - January 14 at 10:03 AM

JF

“ John and Donna Fincher purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.



John and Donna Fincher - January 14 at 10:03 AM

LV

“ Linda Latimer Vaughn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.



Linda Latimer Vaughn - January 13 at 08:09 PM

LF

“ Love, Lisa Fuller purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.



Love, Lisa Fuller - January 13 at 03:11 PM

CB

“ Cathy Smith Bresciani planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Roe Rayner.

Cathy Smith Bresciani - January 13 at 02:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.*



January 13 at 02:25 PM



“ *Amanda, Cindy and Karen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Roe Rayner.*

Amanda, Cindy and Karen - January 13 at 01:22 PM



“ *Amanda, Cindy and Karen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard Roe Rayner.*



Amanda, Cindy and Karen - January 13 at 01:22 PM