



Richard Neale Houk

June 25, 1938 - February 10, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Richard Neale (Ric) Houk, age 86, on Monday, February 10, 2025. Born in Washington DC on June 25, 1938, Ric lived a life devoted to his family, his faith, and his community.

Ric was the beloved husband of Dorie Houk, and a loving father to Jeffrey Houk and his wife Peggy. He was a cherished grandfather to Connor Houk, Layne Houk, Lexi Houk, Brooke Gill, and Grant Gill. Ric was also a dear brother to Earl Houk Jr (and wife Patricia), Gary Houk (and wife Adele), and Karen Shuford (and husband Jake). He was preceded in death by his parents Earl Henry Houk and Shirley Eaton Neale Houk, and daughter Wendi Gill.

A proud graduate of Bethesda Chase High School in Bethesda Maryland, Ric went on to serve in the 82nd Army Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Following his military service, he worked at Capital Film Lab and Bono Film Lab in Washington DC, The National Archives in College Park Maryland, and Color Lab in Rockville Maryland.

Ric's true passion was in ministry, particularly in sharing the love of Jesus with children. He served as the Children's Director at Manassas Assembly of God Church and as Children's Pastor at The Life Church in Manassas, Virginia. Ric also co-hosted a live children's radio program on WPRZ in Warrenton, Virginia for 20 years, alongside his friends Charlie Goode, Joe Harshman, and John King. Through his work and his life, Ric touched countless lives and shared the joy of faith with all who knew him.

A small memorial service of Ric's life will take place on March 1st, 2025 at 2:00 pm. The service will be an intimate gathering with family and friends. The service will be live-streamed for all others who who were touched by his kind spirit.wish to join us in honoring Ric. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Tunnels to Towers in his memory. Website: <https://t2t.org>

Ric's legacy of love, faith, and service will forever live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and all

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard Neale Houk*



Pierce Funeral Home - February 28, 2025 at 10:13 AM

SZ

“ *Brother Ric and Dorie are very special to our family. Brother Ric made such a big impact on our children and other kids at church in growing their faith in Jesus. We'll always remember His light shining for Jesus and his contagious joy as he helped the kids learn to begin serving the Lord. He made it all fun with his stories, puppets, and stickers. He was also so kind and generous - - a true friend to those he knew. And he understood how important it is to bring our hearts before the Lord in prayer. We will miss him, and we'll keep Dorie and the family in our prayers. We also rejoice, knowing that Brother Ric's physical suffering has ended, and he is now at home with the Lord. Our love to Dorie and the family -Stan & Jennifer, Samuel & Nicole, Evangeline, and Adriana Zehr*

Stan & Jennifer Zehr - March 01, 2025 at 03:20 PM

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“ Cynthia L. sent a virtual gift in memory of
Richard Neale Houk



Cynthia L. - March 01, 2025 at 12:46 PM

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Ms. Dorie -

Pastor Ric was such an encouragement and inspiration to both me and Aaron as we navigated into the Kid's Ministry areas with GodStep, Kid's Check-in and Kid's Central.

Pastor Ric's encouragement to Aaron is a key reason why even today He still has a heart for Kids ministry.

I will always remember how Pastor Ric always had his "stickers" to give out as the kids came to their classes.

He also had the "sparkly butterfly" stickers for us Adults!

Thank-you both for being such an inspiration of loving the Kids, showing the true heart of God and inspiring so many!

Cynthia Lawson

Cynthia L. - March 01, 2025 at 12:56 PM

AC

“ What an amazing, selfless man who loved our kids so well!! I'll never forget when he and Dorie brought us dinner after one of my surgeries - not only did they bring a meal for our family but they also brought an entire box filled with goodies and snacks for our kids.

What a blessing he was to us!!

Jerry and Allison Carman

Allison Carman - March 01, 2025 at 10:33 AM

AC

“ Allison C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Neale Houk.

Allison C. - March 01, 2025 at 10:32 AM

LR

“ Love, Debbie Rhoads purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard Neale Houk.



Love, Debbie Rhoads - March 01, 2025 at 08:20 AM

AH

“ He and Dorie were always so special and sweet in working with our kids and the kids' ministry. I was always blessed by his heart and kindness.
Angie Huber

angie huber - March 01, 2025 at 02:19 AM

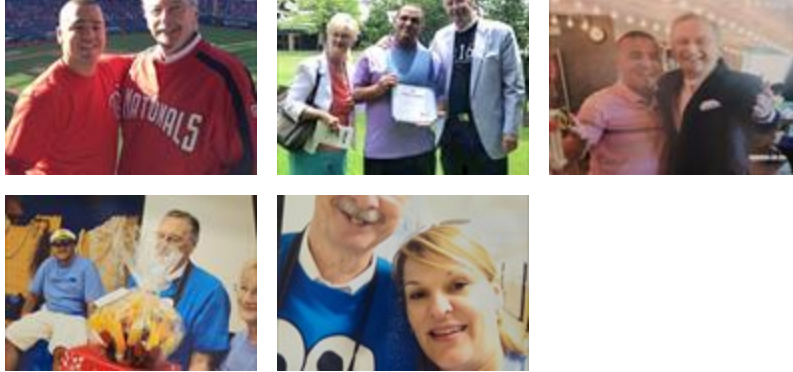
JS

“ TY, my brother, for being such a great role model. TY for agreeing to baptize me a “second time”, to commemorate, as you had, the second chance that God had given us. Until we meet again in Glory....

Jock Stukes - February 28, 2025 at 10:16 PM

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“ Bro. Ric, we will always be grateful for teaching us that we need to have a children's heart. ❤️ Thank you for your love, your passion to work with children, your obedience heart to work for Gods kingdom and thank you for adopting us as your own family! ☐



Brenda - February 28, 2025 at 09:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Neale Houk.

February 27, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Neale Houk.



February 27, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Neale Houk.

February 26, 2025 at 11:14 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Neale Houk.



February 26, 2025 at 11:14 AM



“ Bro. Ric was a hero in the faith to me as he lived his life to bring kids to Jesus. He was always smiling and we love him & Ms Dorie! Our deepest condolences. Unfortunately we will be out of town for his service but our heart & prayers are with you all. - Jenny Baird

Jenny Baird - February 26, 2025 at 06:12 AM



“ We loved Bro Ric!!❤️ He played such an important role in our kids' lives! We were heartbroken to hear this news as we will miss him here on earth! But rejoicing to know what a beautiful celebration Bro Ric is having in heaven and hearing the words “well done” from his Savior! He definitely loved Jesus, loved all children, and loved seeing children say YES to Jesus!❤️ what a legacy! He's rejoicing in heaven now and that is beautiful! Prayers and love for you Dorie and the family!❤️ Ed & Kim Burnell

Kimberly Burnell - February 24, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ Ric was a precious friend and servant of Jesus. I have wonderful memories of him. He was a treasure to all of us who were blessed to share life with him. My love and prayers to Dorie and the family.

Vickie Richey - February 20, 2025 at 07:27 PM

TG

“ *Dorie*
Sending prayers and love knowing God is comforting you and your family with his peace!

Travis and Diane Goode - February 18, 2025 at 02:08 PM

TF

“ *Sharing a text message from our son Derek letting us know of Brother Ric's home going*

He mentioned Brother Ric was a fierce prayer warrior, kind beyond measure, talented in many ways, a true man of God and so many more wonderful things!

Sad that he's gone but happy that he has made his way home, as close to a saint on earth as I've ever known!

Thank you Brother Ric for blessing our lives

You were very special to all the Goode Family

Our Travis says "2" as y'all's favorite! Until we meet again

the Goode family - February 18, 2025 at 01:45 PM