



Richard Dennis Singer

August 21, 1947 - September 28, 2025

Richard Dennis Singer of Gainesville, Virginia, passed away peacefully at his home on September 28, 2025, surrounded by family. He lived a life defined by service, laughter, and kindness.

Richard began his journey as a volunteer firefighter and, through dedication and heart, rose to become the Fire Chief of the Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department in Fairfax County, Virginia. His passion for supporting first responders later grew into a career as the proud owner and operator of one of the nation's most successful emergency vehicle dealerships. Each day, he worked tirelessly to ensure first responders had the vehicles, equipment, and tools they needed to save lives.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Richard had a remarkable gift for connecting people. He delighted in helping friends, family, and colleagues find meaningful work, often opening doors to careers that blossomed into leadership roles, business ownership, and executive positions. Providing opportunity was one of his greatest joys.

His dedication to the fire and rescue community earned him wide recognition. In 2005, Richard received the Virginia Governor's Fire Services Award for Excellence in the Private Sector—an honor that reflected his unwavering commitment to Virginia's first responders. In 2007, he was deeply moved to be

awarded life membership by the Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department. Though humble by nature, Richard took quiet pride in these tributes, which represented just a few of the many ways he made a lasting difference.

Born August 21, 1947, in Washington, D.C., to Sidney and Katherine Singer, Richard spent much of his life surrounded by the love and companionship of his sister, Sidra Katherine Seeley. He cherished time with family and friends, especially those who went out of their way to share life with him. His vast circle included nephews, nieces, grandnephews, grandnieces, cousins, and countless friends who he considered family. He is survived by his brother Arthur Singer. Known for his generosity, humor, and willingness to listen, Richard left an indelible mark on everyone fortunate enough to know him. To many, he was a role model and father figure, offering guidance and support whenever it was needed.

An inurnment ceremony will be held on Monday, October 20, at 10:00 a.m. at the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia—Place of Peace Columbarium, 9535 Linton Hall Road, Bristow, Virginia. A celebration of Richard's life will follow in the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia Multipurpose Room.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations to one of the following:

Benedictine Sisters of Virginia
9535 Linton Hall Road, Bristow, VA 20136 or visit their website to donate
osbva.org

Virginia Fire Chiefs Foundation
PO Box 699, Blackstone, VA 23824 or visit their website to donate
vfca.us/virginia-fire-chiefs-foundation/

Previous Events

Inurnment

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Place of Peace - Benedictine Sisters
9535 Linton Hall Road
Bristow, VA 20136

Memorial Service

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Benedictine Sisters
9535 Linton Hall Rd
Bristow, VA 20136
(703) 361-0106

Tribute Wall

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“ I was Richard and Sidra's house cleaner for over 20 years. They both should have been comedians for they always kept me laughing 😂
Rest in peace Richard....

Crystal Robinson - October 19, 2025 at 09:30 PM

VC

“ I'm heartbroken! I would not be who I am today if it wasn't for Richard Singer. He guided me in my career in the Fire service. I owe him everything! RIP my brother! I Love you!



Victor Ceglie - October 17, 2025 at 07:17 PM

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“ 14 files added to the album Memories of Richard



Richard Riley - October 01, 2025 at 06:04 PM

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“ *Devon Cury lit a candle in memory of Richard Dennis Singer*



Devon Cury - September 30, 2025 at 09:11 PM

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“ *SHane McCarthy lit a candle in memory of Richard Dennis Singer*



SHane McCarthy - September 30, 2025 at 01:52 PM