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Richard Dennis Bailey, age 64 of Anniston, passed away on February 6, 2023, at his residence. He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty B. Bailey; father, Jack Bailey; and step-daughter, Kellie Qualls.

Richard is survived by his wife, Robin Bailey; daughter, Sarah Bailey (Lorenzo); stepsons, Eric Qualls (Dianne) and Jeff Qualls; 15 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; sister, Pam Bailey; brother, Chuck Bailey (Ginny); and father-in-law, Benny O'Kelley. He loved music and played several instruments, including the drums, bass and mandolin which he owned many of and loved to play. He was loved dearly by his wife, Robin, and will always be in her heart.

A Celebration of Richard's life will be held at a later date.



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William Smith posted:

I have not seen Ricky since highschool and even after I served 2 tours in Vietnam. I played guitar with him and Mark Harwell. R.I.P. old friend and my condolences to the family.

July 15 at 3:39 PM



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Scott posted:

Although it's been over 20 years since I've seen Ricky, I always considered him a friend. I knew that if we ever met again it would be like it always was. He always welcomed me in his home and made me feel welcome. We played music together and he was a big influence for me to learn guitar. We shared a love of music and good classic rock. We used to play on weekends at his home where we would watch music movies/documentaries, have some drinks, and play music. I have very fond memories of those days. He would've thought it was cool that I still have the Taylor guitar that I bought and played when I knew him. RIP Ricky.

February 9 at 3:47 PM

DH

Dottie Hagan March 29 at 6:03 PM

I haven't seen Ricky in a few decades but I enjoyed his friendship when we were in school together long ago. He was always a music lover and a very good dancer! I am glad to hear that he found the Lord too. God is so good to all of us. I love reading that he was a good husband and father. My sympathies to Robin and the rest of the family and prayers for the comfort that only Jesus gives and also that you will encourage each other in the days ahead. Remember all the good stuff! Dottie Bone Hagan

RB

Robin Bailey February 12 at 7:19 AM

I know Sarahbeth but not as much as I will miss him.

SB

Sarah Best February 11 at 7:41 PM

I will miss my daddy forever. I really don't have the words to express what he meant to me, so I won't try. I simply will miss him so much..

RB

Robin Bailey February 11 at 7:05 PM

He really did love all you kids.

JQ

Jeffrey Qualls February 11 at 7:04 PM

I also will never forget our Saturday night get togethers when everyone would come over and play instruments together and watch music videos. Those were the best times of my life. Also waking up on Christmas morning to find not just 1 but 2 Electric guitars, an amp, and a multi effects pedal. He was always so supportive of anyone wanting to learn how to play an instrument.

JQ

Jeffrey Qualls February 11 at 6:57 PM

I didn't intend on writing anything mostly because I'm still in shock and disbelief. As Ricky's stepson we had many ups and downs and our share of problems. I first met Ricky when I was just 4 years old. At that time I was really confused and angry being introduced to a new stepfather as well as a new stepmother. I always wanted to be with both my parents so during the time I lived with my mom and Ricky I wanted to be with my Dad and when I lived with my dad I wanted to be with my mom. I was a very troubled boy with anger issues and



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was diagnosed with ADHD so I was out of control and Ricky wasn't sure how to deal with me even though he tried his best. Into my adulthood we also had our fair share of disagreements and arguments. It wasn't always bad though. I remember not long after first meeting him as he was a house painter when he would get home from work I would go out and play in his work van. Growing up I witnessed him playing the bass and drums in different bands. He was absolutely amazing at both. As he got older he mellowed out and turned to the mandolin and away from the bass, drums, and rock music but I know he still always had that drive to play no matter if it was in front of a crowd or by himself. He just simply enjoyed playing music. Growing up with Ricky he turned me onto a lot of great music and bands I would never know anything about if it were for him. Mostly Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath, Deep Purple, and Pink Floyd. Growing up I had him for both inspiration and influence. I picked up both the bass and drums at a very young age because I always knew I wanted to be a musician when I grew up. I had a lot of fun myself playing music over the years but I owe it all to Ricky. During his last days I would come to hangout at their new home in Alabama and have talks with him. One of the last things he said to me that really meant a lot to me is when he said to me "I'm sorry I couldn't have been a better stepfather". I told him he did his best and I said to him "I could have also been a better stepson" then we both just laughed it off. I hope now he's in a better place and still rocking out.

RB Robin Bailey February 11 at 7:04 AM

😭 I love you so much! 🥰❤️

KW Karen Wade February 11 at 7:00 AM

I was the Maid of Honor at Ricky and Robins wedding. It was a beautiful wedding between two people that truly loved each other till Rickys last breath. Robin is my first cousin, we grew up together more like sisters and I want her to know that I'll always be here for her. I know this is a sad time but she is a strong person and will be ok.

RB Robin Bailey February 11 at 6:58 AM

Ken.. that is a beautiful story. Made me cry. Good cry. Love you!

KE Ken February 11 at 4:10 AM

I my early 20's I had a record store / miscellaneous shop in Douglasville. I played drums and then is when I met a number of younger musicians along with their friends. This was around 1973 or 4. So Ricky was in his teens when I met him. As I remember, the first song that I ever jammed with him was "Smoke on the Water." It was in the old clubhouse at Hunter Park and it got loud fast and they shut the power off at the fuse box to quiet us. There were many parties and jams and gigs after that. Then Ricky taught me a lesson.....by example. He disappeared. That is he stopped showing up at party's and jams (those that I attended). Ricky had found Robin and Robin had found Ricky. Ricky never said a word to me about my wild, party, drug fueled ways. He offered no judgement but as for Ricky and his life, he was going to start a family and support that family financially, morally, ethically, and, I think, spirituality. When I realized that I wanted those same things for myself, one of the examples that I turned to was that of my friend, Ricky. Ricky.....I don't suppose that you had



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any idea of the impact that you have had on my life.....or, maybe you now do. One last thing, I mentioned that I was a drummer, well Ricky was too (among many instruments), and he was a really good drummer. Better than me.....it was just natural to him.....such a laid back funky guy. Ricky.....I'll love you forever!!!!

RB

Robin Bailey February 10 at 3:38 PM

Best blessed decision made. He said I was his one true love and wish he had met me sooner. He will always be here with me.

MT

Melanie Turner February 10 at 6:19 AM

I remember the first time I met Ricky. I was dating my second husband at the time. Ricky and my second husband was in a band together. They all would meet at one of the guys house every week. I went one time with Darrell (my second husband) to watch them play. Ricky was playing on the drums. I don't know what it was about Ricky, but I mentioned to Darrell that we should introduce him to my sister Robin, which she had just been through and ended her first marriage. We invited Robin to come up to Douglasville and go with us to see them play in their band and she did. We did introduce them to each other not knowing what it would lead to. Needless to say, it must of went pretty well considering they ended up marrying. There were ups and downs throughout the years but everyone always got through it. The last couple of years we all started getting back together again here and there at each other's houses. I'm glad we did, as I saw a different side to Ricky. I never really heard him ever say anything against anyone. I do believe he did love Robin and his daughter Sarah very much. They moved to Alabama in their dream home. They worked very hard to get it all together and comfortable. It breaks my heart to have watch Ricky deteriorate and he did not get to enjoy his home for long. Now he's at peace and have no pain. The last few times I talked with him let me know that he truly was a believer in God and he wasn't worried as to where he knew he would spend eternity at. Ricky, I know we all are gonna miss you so much, but you are now with God and all of the other loved ones that have gone on before you. We will all see each other again someday. We all love you and rest in peace!



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