



## Ronald "Tinkey" Wesley Richards

August 27, 1951 - September 18, 2019

Ronald "Tinkey" Wesley Richards, born August 27, 1951, passed away at his residence in Laurel at the age of 68.

Mr. Richards graduated from R. H. Watkins High School in 1969 and attended Jones County Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi. He completed the Oklahoma Horseshoeing School in 1981. He was self-employed as a farrier for 38 years and had recently received his Certificate of Completion for Equine Health and Disease Management from the University of South Carolina Aiken. He also umpired high school baseball in Jones and the surrounding counties for over 32 years which included presiding as Umpire-In-Chief for 10 State Championships.

He is preceded in death by his parents Wes Richards and Myrtle Bankston Rose and his brother, Lonnie Richards.

He is survived by his nieces Marta (Chris) Carmical, Beth Wilson and Jennifer (Joshua) Vanderslice and nephew Noah Hutchinson; brother Donnie (Paula) Hutchinson; sister-in-law Nancy Richards, great nephews and nieces Drew and Wesley Carmical, Addison, Darby and Elliott Wilson, and Jocelyn and Jonah Vanderslice; and by close friends Wyatt and Ellen Turan.

Mr. Richards's wishes were to be cremated. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Tribute Wall

DW

“*Tinkey was always a nice guy. We used to shoot basketball together and discuss sports many years ago. I had no idea he had passed until recent. RIP Tinkey.*”

David Williams - April 22, 2024 at 07:57 AM

SG

“*Mr. Richards did my horse's hooves for over 10 years. It hurts my heart to know this great man that cared so much is gone. He will be missed so much.*”

Samantha Grantham - October 09, 2019 at 07:33 PM

LS

“*Our sincerest prayers for Tinky's family and friends.*”

Linda Smith - September 21, 2019 at 08:37 PM

CG

“*Tinkey, Lonnie, and Donnie were all South Laurel boys that I grew up with and was proud to call my friend. So sad that not long ago we buried Lonnie and now we lose Tinkey. They both will be truly missed*”

Cooper Gunnell - September 20, 2019 at 06:23 PM

DH

“ I was so sad to learn that Tink (we also called him Cowboy) has left us. We worked together, played ball together, argued football together, etc., etc. I hadn't seen him in quite some time, but we had talked after Lonnie passed and I'm grateful that we did. He told me we'd do lunch the next time he came to Jackson. I guess we'll have to do that on a much higher plane some day. Rest well, ol' buddy, and I'll see ya then!



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**DENNIS HENLEY** - September 20, 2019 at 05:19 PM

DK

“ Go rest high on that mountain Tink. We will miss your big smile and our wonderful discussions about baseball and football games. I'm so glad you were able to make our 50th reunion and see all of your old friends. We will see you again one day!

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**Dale Keyes** - September 20, 2019 at 11:55 AM