

SGT Richard Breland

July 11, 1961 - April 6, 2025

Richard was a man of quiet strength, deep integrity, and boundless love. He was born on July 11, 1961 from the late Carlyle Breland and Ruth Jenkison in Walterboro, South Carolina. He departed this life on Sunday, April 6, 2025 at Cape Fear Valley Hospital.

Richard grew up in Walterboro, South Carolina. As a young adult, he developed a love of cooking, working on cars, and caring for others. He graduated from Walterboro High School. After high school, in the early 1980's, he moved to Long Island, New York. While in New York, he connected with family members and lived with his Uncle William (deceased) and Brenda Pinckney.

He answered the call to serve his country with courage and honor, spending almost 20 years in the United States Army and Reserves. Through every deployment and duty station, he carried with him a sense of responsibility, loyalty, and pride in the uniform he wore. He proudly served in Operation Desert Storm. Richard also was a respected officer at the North Carolina Department of Corrections for 18 ½ years.

Above all, Richard was a family man. He met Janet, the love of his life, and married on October 1, 1983. To this blessed union, five children were born. Together, they instilled in them the values of resilience, compassion, and hard

work. He was the rock of his household, a steady presence who provided unwavering support, wisdom, and warmth.

Richard's legacy is not only marked by his service, but the countless small moments that made him extraordinary- a reassuring hug, a joke shared that lightened the room.

Though he may be gone from our sight, he will never be gone from our hearts. We love you Richard. Your duty is done—rest now in peace.

Along with his parents, Richard is preceded in death by his grandson, Prince Breland and eldest brother, Yerbydean Breland.

He is survived by his wife, Janet (Blowe) Breland, his children, Ricky of Hope Mills, NC, Michael (Harmonee) of Hope Mills, NC, Joshua of Washington, D.C, Alishia of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Ashley of Alexandria, Virginia, eight grandchildren: Kianna, Kendall, Bryten, Harlan, Kiyon, Langston, Saryah, Gabriel; four siblings: Cheryl Jenkison (William) of North Brunswick, New Jersey, Angela Jackson (Tashon) of Westhampton, New Jersey, Gene Breland of Orangeburg, South Carolina, and Gregory "Greg" Breland (Safiyyah) of Newark, New Jersey. Richard has a host of nieces and nephews, in-laws, and family and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 11. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral

APR 12. 9:00 AM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Burial

MAY 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery
8220 Bragg Blvd
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of SGT Richard Breland* ”



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - April 10, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of SGT Richard Breland.* ”



April 11, 2025 at 11:44 PM



“ *Annette and Jordan purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of SGT Richard Breland.* ”



Annette and Jordan - April 11, 2025 at 10:57 AM

WF

“ With love, The James Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of SGT Richard Breland.



With love, The James Family - April 11, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of SGT Richard Breland.



April 10, 2025 at 09:14 PM



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

April 10, 2025 at 09:14 PM

LF

“ Lorentz Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of SGT Richard Breland.



Lorentz Family - April 10, 2025 at 07:34 PM

NN

“ *Nieces & Nephews purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of SGT Richard Breland.*



Nieces & Nephews - April 10, 2025 at 06:59 PM

SB

“ *Sisters & Brother purchased the Pretty Please for the family of SGT Richard Breland.*



Sisters & Brother - April 10, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of SGT Richard Breland.*



April 10, 2025 at 10:49 AM

AT

“ *AJ, Hannah, Kirsten, Nailah, Tevin, Tofy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of SGT Richard Breland.*



AJ, Hannah, Kirsten, Nailah, Tevin, Tofy - April 10, 2025 at 09:57 AM

FJ

“ From, Julie Blowe and Manuel Ranirez Jr purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of SGT Richard Breland.



From, Julie Blowe and Manuel Ranirez Jr - April 10, 2025 at 05:16 AM

FJ

“ From, Julie Blowe and Manuel Ranirez Jr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of SGT Richard Breland.

From, Julie Blowe and Manuel Ranirez Jr - April 10, 2025 at 05:16 AM

LN

“ Love Cecil, Linda, Cecilia & Naomi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of SGT Richard Breland.

Love Cecil, Linda, Cecilia & Naomi - April 09, 2025 at 10:10 PM

LN

“ Love Cecil, Linda, Cecilia & Naomi purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of SGT Richard Breland.



Love Cecil, Linda, Cecilia & Naomi - April 09, 2025 at 10:10 PM

TF

“ Tina & Charles Williams & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of SGT Richard Breland.

Tina & Charles Williams & family - April 09, 2025 at 09:55 PM

TF

“ Tina & Charles Williams & family purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of SGT Richard Breland.



Tina & Charles Williams & family - April 09, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of SGT Richard Breland.



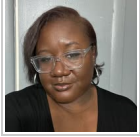
April 09, 2025 at 09:16 PM

AB

“ Annie, Ollie, Ralph, Jeanette and Brenda purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of SGT Richard Breland.



Annie, Ollie, Ralph, Jeanette and Brenda - April 09, 2025 at 07:07 PM



“ To Aunt Janet and family, you are in my deepest prayers. May you feel the nearness of Jesus during this time, for He is close to the brokenhearted. Lean on Him for strength and comfort. Love you all.

Nerissa James - April 09, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ Thaddeus Daniels lit a candle in memory of Richard Breland



Thaddeus Daniels - April 09, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ Steven Leonard purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of SGT Richard Breland.



Steven Leonard - April 09, 2025 at 01:18 PM



“ Clifton J. Blowe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of SGT Richard Breland.

Clifton J. Blowe - April 09, 2025 at 12:12 PM

CB

“ Clifton J. Blowe purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of SGT Richard Breland.



Clifton J. Blowe - April 09, 2025 at 12:12 PM

FB

“ From Auntie Blanche planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of SGT Richard Breland.

From Auntie Blanche - April 09, 2025 at 10:35 AM

FB

“ From Auntie Blanche purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of SGT Richard Breland.



From Auntie Blanche - April 09, 2025 at 10:35 AM

NF

“ NTR Wagner Softball Family and Friends purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of SGT Richard Breland.



NTR Wagner Softball Family and Friends - April 09, 2025 at 10:01 AM

NF

“ NTR Wagner Softball Family and Friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of SGT Richard Breland.

NTR Wagner Softball Family and Friends - April 09, 2025 at 10:01 AM