



## Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey

August 5, 1947 - December 19, 2017

Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey, 70, wife of David Vaughn Richey of Walhalla, passed away Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at GHS Cottingham Hospice House.

Mrs. Richey was born August 5, 1947, in Oconee County, SC and was the daughter of the late Berry Lee Wilbanks and Zonia Holcomb Wilbanks. She was a member of Mt. Carmel #2 Baptist Church, where she sang in the church choir, taught Sunday school and organized many events in the church. She was known for her delicious cake baking and being a caregiver for many children.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Richey is survived by her daughters: Kimberly Hudson (Daniel) of Anderson, SC and Michelle Grant (Sammy) of Seneca, SC; son: Donnie Richey (Tammy) of Walhalla, SC; eight grandchildren: Kelsey Hudson, Zachary Hudson, Ainsley Hudson, Jeremy Hudson, Olivia Grant, Bailee Grant, Sydney Richey and Preston Richey; sisters: Gloria Reid (John), Lynn Watkins (Pete) and Barbara Certain (Bobby) all of Walhalla, SC; brothers: Kenneth Wilbanks (Vickie) of Westminster, SC and Ronnie Wilbanks (Paula) of Cartersville, GA; a number of nieces and nephews; sister-in-law: Connie Wilbanks; adopted daughter: Karen Ballenger; and adopted granddaughter: Courtney Ballenger.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Richey was preceded in death by her brother: Donnie "Scrub" Wilbanks.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Friday, December 22, 2017, at Davenport Funeral Home Chapel with entombment to follow at Heritage Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

The family will receive friends from 12:00–2:00 PM, Friday, December, 22, 2017, prior to the service, at Davenport Funeral Home.

Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to Oconee Hospice of the Foothills, GHS Cottingham Hospice House, Attn: Foundation Office, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672.

The family is at the home of the son, Donnie Richey, 106 Cherokee Drive, Walhalla, SC 29691.

# Cemetery Details

## Heritage Memorial Gardens Mausoleum

4500 S Hwy 11  
Westminster, SC 29693  
<http://heritagememorialgardens.net?>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
311 S Highway 11  
West Union, SC 29696  
(864) 638-3611  
[davenportfhome@gmail.com](mailto:davenportfhome@gmail.com)  
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *My prayers are with your family. Mrs. Richey brightened many, many lives with her beautiful and delicious cakes. She has been on my (Walhalla Presbyterian) Sunday school prayer list for a long time; she doesn't need those prayers any longer because she is safely Home with Jesus.*



**Rosemary Bailes** - December 27, 2017 at 01:45 PM



“ *Michelle, Sammy, Olivia, and Bailee, I want to express my sympathy for the loss of your mother and grandmother. Losing a parent is difficult, and at this time of year when families gather together, it seems to be even more so.*



**Tina Davidson** - December 26, 2017 at 03:46 PM



“ *Designers Touch Florist lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



**Designers Touch Florist** - December 26, 2017 at 09:45 AM

SE

“ Sherry Moore~JMB Elementary lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey



Sherry Moore~JMB Elementary - December 23, 2017 at 08:12 PM

JS

“ Donnie, Tammy, Sydney and Preston

*So sorry for the loss of your mother! Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this time of loss. Love you my friends!!!*

Joan Smith - December 23, 2017 at 07:39 PM

LE

“ Donnie, Tammy, Sydney, Preston, I am so sorry to hear of your mom and grandmother's passing... I had no idea until I talked with Scott... Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

*My deepest sympathy,  
Lynne Elrod*

Lynne Elrod - December 23, 2017 at 10:11 AM

BF

“ Billy And Ralph Nix. Bessie Fortson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey



Billy and Ralph Nix. Bessie Fortson - December 23, 2017 at 09:53 AM

MW

“ We are very sorry for your loss. She was a precious lady. May the Lord provide you comfort and peace.



Michelle Westmoreland - December 22, 2017 at 03:14 PM

AK

“ Angie And Theresa Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey



Angie and Theresa Kelley - December 22, 2017 at 11:50 AM

JW

“ Jerry & Frankie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey



Jerry & Frankie Williams - December 21, 2017 at 11:59 PM

DN

“ Doug And Linda Reese Nix lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - December 21, 2017 at 10:20 PM



“ *Cherie Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



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**Cherie Vaughn** - December 21, 2017 at 02:44 PM

RB

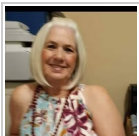
“ *Shelby was a precious, easy-going friend who lived in the house behind ours. She had beautiful older sisters and a darling baby brother. When twin baby boys were born in their family, it seemed as if a miracle had occurred ! I had never known twins! (Yes, I lived a very sheltered life!).*

*Shelby, Brenda Buchanan, Pat Wilbanks , and I built playhouses in the pine thicket beside my house and near Shelby's house, beside the backroad. We played softball on the only level space around, the yard next door, using a short plank as a bat. We weren't serious; we just had fun. We had a great little neighborhood. All of us were sad when Mr. Berry moved his family.*

*I cherish my sweet childhood memories of Shelby.*

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**Ruthe Butts Brackett** - December 21, 2017 at 01:03 PM



“ *Kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



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**Kathy Addis** - December 21, 2017 at 12:46 PM

BW

“ *Becky Winchester lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



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**Becky Winchester** - December 21, 2017 at 11:51 AM

PB

“ *Donnie and Family,*

*So sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. I know she struggle much in these last days, and you have sent a lot of time caring for her. Please know that Martha I have you in our prayers. May God give you comfort in these days.*

*Phil and Martha Baily*

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**Phil Baily** - December 21, 2017 at 11:48 AM

JH

“ *John And Judy Higgins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



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**John and Judy Higgins** - December 21, 2017 at 11:14 AM



“ Prayers for ALL of the family!



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**Pamela Marcengill** - December 21, 2017 at 08:08 AM



“ John Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey



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**John Kelley** - December 21, 2017 at 07:54 AM



“ Jerry And Joyce Poore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey



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**Jerry and Joyce Poore** - December 21, 2017 at 07:47 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.



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**Patricia Holcombe** - December 20, 2017 at 10:02 PM

WD

“ *Wilma Dain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



**Wilma Dain** - December 20, 2017 at 10:01 PM

EM

“ *Elisha Mulkey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



**Elisha Mulkey** - December 20, 2017 at 08:57 PM

LT

“ *Louise & Clarence Towe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



**Louise & Clarence Towe** - December 20, 2017 at 08:18 PM

CC

“ *Cary Singleton Caines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



**Cary Singleton Caines** - December 20, 2017 at 08:03 PM

CC

*I have known Shelby most of my life. We were playmates during grammar school, and she came to my home many times after school. She was one of the sweetest people I know, and I know her family will miss her terribly. Please know her former classmates are thinking of you and your family at this saddest of times.*

**Cary Singleton Caines** - December 20, 2017 at 08:07 PM

BL

“ *Bobbie Ledford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



**Bobbie Ledford** - December 20, 2017 at 06:25 PM

WL

“ *Wanda Long lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



**Wanda Long** - December 20, 2017 at 05:37 PM

JB

“ *Ken ,Vicky and family I am so sorry for your loss. God bless all of you*

**Jeff Bearden** - December 20, 2017 at 05:15 PM

JS

“ *Jake & Faye Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



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**Jake & Faye Smith** - December 20, 2017 at 04:36 PM

JH

“ *Jennifer Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



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**Jennifer Hopkins** - December 20, 2017 at 04:00 PM

PP

“ *David & family*  
*Our thoughts and prayers for you in the coming days. Haven't seen you or any family members in a while so we didn't realize Shelby had been sick. Times like this make us realize how temporary life really is. James 4:14 tells us life is just a vapor that appears for awhile then vanishes away but we know that we will be united again. Again, praying for you & the family.*

*Pete and Virginia Price*

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**Pete and Virginia Price** - December 20, 2017 at 03:34 PM

EB

“ Evelyn Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey



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**Evelyn Bryant** - December 20, 2017 at 03:01 PM

YN

“ Shelby was such a nice lady, she always had a smile for me when she would come by the bank. I am so sorry for your loss .



*Love and Sympathy*  
Yvette

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**Yvette Norris** - December 20, 2017 at 02:44 PM

KJ

“ Ken Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey



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**Ken Jones** - December 20, 2017 at 02:29 PM

RL

“ If everyone could be as kind as Shelby, this world would be such a better place. She was my singing partner at church...my help with cooking ideas (I have several of her recipes and cherish them)....and she led both of my children to the Lord through VBS. She was the most humble, most organized, and most loving person I've ever known. Though we will miss her here on earth, we all know where Shelby is today...the place she longed for....worked for...and she reached her goal.

*Renee Lemere*

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**Renee Lemere** - December 20, 2017 at 01:52 PM

LT

“ Leland And Richadene Talley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey



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**Leland and Richadene Talley** - December 20, 2017 at 12:57 PM

WB

“ Wayne Barton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey



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**Wayne Barton** - December 20, 2017 at 12:15 PM

TS

“ *David, Kim, Michelle, Donnie, and all the family,*

*My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of sweet Shelby's passing. She was a blessing to me and my family. May the Lord be with you and strengthen you in the days ahead. What a glorious day when we see our Savior and all the loved ones who have gone ahead!*

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**Tracy Sanders** - December 20, 2017 at 12:00 PM

EB

“ *Elaine Capps Baumgarner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



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**Elaine Capps Baumgarner** - December 20, 2017 at 11:47 AM

BG

“ *BLOSSMAN GAS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



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**BLOSSMAN GAS** - December 20, 2017 at 11:44 AM

JJ

“ *David and family, Shelby was a loving, caring lady and was loved by many. Prayers for you all. Juanita*



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**Juanita Johns** - December 20, 2017 at 11:44 AM

DL

“ *Danny, Karen & Micah Lee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



**Danny, Karen & Micah Lee** - December 20, 2017 at 11:41 AM

TW

“ *Michelle, Donnie and other family members, you will be in my prayers during this difficult time. Loosing a parent is heartbreaking I know, but knowing she is celebrating with Jesus gives peace that you will see your mom again one day. May the Lord wrap his loving arms around you.*



**Tammy Wilbanks** - December 20, 2017 at 11:40 AM

KJ

“ *Kenny Johns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



**Kenny Johns** - December 20, 2017 at 11:40 AM

KF

“ *Kathy Fitzgerald sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shelby Jean Wilbanks Richey*



**Kathy Fitzgerald** - December 20, 2017 at 11:31 AM