



Richard Ples Bushmiaer

August 28, 1950 - May 30, 2025

Richard Ples Bushmiaer, age 74, of Ozark, Arkansas, passed away, Friday, May 30, 2025 in Ozark. He was born August 28, 1950 in Kibler, Arkansas to George Bushmiaer and Carrie Spradley Bushmiaer. Richard was of the Methodist faith.

Richard dedicated most of his life to serving the farming community, working tirelessly to provide equipment and support to farmers and their families. Through his work, he forged lifelong friendships that he deeply valued. Richard took immense pride in the relationships he built with both customers and friends, always treating them with warmth and respect. In his free time, Richard loved to fish, especially fly fishing. His favorite destination was Gaston's White River Resort. He and his twin brother, Robert, grew up visiting Gaston's and as adults, they joyfully carried on that cherished tradition with their own families. To know Richard was to love him. But to those who knew him best, it was clear that his greatest joy came from his family: his beloved wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild who were the true center of his world.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, George Oliver Bushmiaer.

Richard is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Susan Riddell Bushmiaer;

two daughters, Jennifer Fox and husband Jimmy of Canton, Mississippi and Ashley Davis and husband Todd of Ozark, Arkansas; and one son, Richard Bushmiaer Jr. and wife Betsy of Springdale, Arkansas; his twin brother, Robert Bushmiaer and wife Margo; four grandchildren, Sara Elizabeth Aguilar, Bailey Burnside, Miller Burnside, and Ben Bushmiaer; and one great grandchild, Hudson Burnside.

Memorial service will be 11:00 A.M., Monday, June 2, 2025 at the First United Methodist Church, 503 West Commercial Street in Ozark, with Brother Brad Elrod officiating. Cremation arrangements were made under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home in Ozark.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Bailey Burnside, Miller Burnside, Betsy Bushmiaer, Sara Elizabeth Aguilar, Ben Bushmiaer, Jimmy Fox, and Todd Davis.

*In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Heart of Hospice, 1001 Towson Avenue Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
503 West Commercial street
Ozark, AR 72949

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Met Richard years ago and he was our salesman of choice on equipment purchases. A good guy willing to help. He will be missed. Our condolences to his dear wife, children and grandchildren. Jon Newton and Rick and Metta Holman, Clarksville, AR

Metta Holman - June 10, 2025 at 03:27 PM

AM

“ Annie Coleen Mohr lit a candle in memory of Richard Bushmiaer



Annie Coleen Mohr - June 03, 2025 at 12:21 AM

NH

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss Susan. I was telling Ben about our last conversation the 3 of us had at Dr. Chi's office. Lifting you and your whole family up in prayer!

Nicole Harrington-Schaffer - June 02, 2025 at 03:38 PM

BD

“ Richard was a very valued employee and servant for over 10 years assisting me in selling equipment to the farmers not only did he sell he went out and started and them how to use the equipment when it was brand new he serviced the equipment. Richard genuinely cared about the customer that type individual is hard to find in this world today. Richard was a friend, a great employee and more than anything else a very special man! He will be Missed see you in heaven Richard! Bob Daugherty.

Bob Daugheryy - June 01, 2025 at 07:20 PM

BV

“ 1 file added to the album slideshow



Byron Lasater V - June 01, 2025 at 05:49 PM

BR

“ Richard was a one of a kind original person. I enjoyed our visits and time working together.

Burton Ricketts - June 01, 2025 at 05:22 PM

JR

“ We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Richard was such a kind hearted and dependable person. He always worked hard to always find us what we needed over the past 30+ years! He will certainly be missed. His family is on our thoughts and prayers as you start this new chapter of life without him. God bless and protect each of you 🙏



Jim + Irene Roberts - June 01, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Ples Bushmiaer.



June 01, 2025 at 09:55 AM

RF

“ Riddell family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Ples Bushmiaer.

Riddell family - June 01, 2025 at 09:28 AM

RF

“ Riddell family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Ples Bushmiaer.



Riddell family - June 01, 2025 at 09:28 AM

LB

“ Love-Amy and Wes Baden purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard Ples Bushmiaer.



Love-Amy and Wes Baden - June 01, 2025 at 08:30 AM



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May 31, 2025 at 11:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Ples Bushmiaer.



May 31, 2025 at 11:20 PM



“ Love, Brock, Lauren, & Walker Martin purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Richard Ples Bushmiaer.



Love, Brock, Lauren, & Walker Martin - May 31, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ I am honored to call Richard family and it is his family that he loved most in life. He was kind and caring and most of all, the epitome of a Southern gentleman. I will forever cherish your kindness and friendship all these years. Much Love Always, Kathy Reid & family

Kathy Reid - May 31, 2025 at 07:55 PM



“ Tammy and Lee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Ples Bushmiaer.

Tammy and Lee - May 31, 2025 at 07:00 PM

TL

“ Tammy and Lee purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Ples Bushmiaer.



Tammy and Lee - May 31, 2025 at 07:00 PM

YF

“ Your CWC Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard Ples Bushmiaer.



Your CWC Family - May 31, 2025 at 11:03 AM

JA

“ Our prayers for God’s love and comfort goes out to each of you. Jan & Sandra Akins

Jan Akins - May 31, 2025 at 10:02 AM

LM

“ Love, Terri and Joe Martin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Ples Bushmiaer.



Love, Terri and Joe Martin - May 31, 2025 at 09:42 AM