



## Richard W. Rhodes

April 6, 1931 - August 26, 2007

Richard W. Rhodes went to be with the Lord August 26, 2007. He was born April 6, 1931 in San Antonio to Allie and Walter Rhodes. Richard graduated from Brackenridge High School before joining the Navy in 1950 where he trained to be a radioman. He was stationed on the USS Gregory where he spent four years in service of his country. Richard began studies at San Antonio College on the GI Bill while working as a carpenter with his father and later completed his studies in Kingsville. In 1954 he met Melba Risinger, they dated for 2 years and married in 1957. They both taught school and eventually Richard obtained his Master's Degree from Our Lady of The Lake University. He left the classroom and became Director of Transportation where he made many wonderful friends. Richard joined the Turtle Creek Optimist Club and participated in many projects to help the youth of San Antonio. There, he also made many new friends and worked closely with them creating special bonds. He is the father of two loving sons, Darren and Guy; grandfather of four beautiful children, Wesley, Corinne, Alli and Mitchell and brother to Shirley Lee. Traveling was a favorite past time for the Rhodes family, having been through every state in the United States by motorhome. The traveling bug is in all of the children; everyone especially loves Colorado. Richard is loved and will be missed by all. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org), or charity of choice.



# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Our prayers are with you at this time. Sam and I send our most heart felt sympathy to you and your family.*

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**Sam & Carole Swindell** - September 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Please accept our condolences and we are sorry that we are unable to attend. This came as quite a shock to us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and God Bless.*

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**Steve & Pat Menchaca** - August 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Darren, Suzy & girls,*

*I want to say how very sorry I am that you are enduring this pain. Know that he will always take care of you from heaven. Remember the good times with him, especially his laughter and hugs. Those memories will keep a smile on yo*

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**Loretta Rodarte-Garcia** - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *I appreciate and will remember the years of association through Northside ISD. We'll miss you.*

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**Bob Hearn** - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dear Melba and family,  
Ben just left S.S. a short while ago to come to S.A. ....so now I  
can get in my two cents ..... HA !  
What a super terrific person Richard was .....his hugs , his  
laughter, his goodwill, his sense of humor and on and o

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**Mary Ann Anglin** - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Richard and I were classmates in school and I was saddened to  
read of his death. My heartfelt sympathies go out to his family.

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**Barbara Westphal Leeper** - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Richard was such a good man. He  
will be missed by everyone who knew him. May he rest peacefully.

*Our Condolences, Charles & Faye Randow*

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**Charles Randow** - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Melba, Guy, Darren & the rest of the extended family,

*Please know that we are praying for each of you to find some peace  
during this very trying time. Your father/husband was always like a  
2nd father to me, teaching me how to snow ski, how to water sk*

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**Chris & JoAnn McClung** - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Dick was a great person - he always had a smile and or something funny to say. We know he will be missed, but instead of the sad times, remember the good. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Pat and Shari

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**Pat & Shari Johnson** - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. We know how hard this time is but just remember he is not in pain and always on a trip around the world now with no time deadline. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Call if you need anything. Love, Elvra Menchac

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**Rodney & Nancy McDonald** - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dear Melba and sons,  
Unfortunately I did not get to know Dick very well, but the Jablonski's thought so highly of him and your entire family. I am their neighbor and it saddens me to know that in such a short time that Dick became so ill. I always aske

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**Dianne Garcia** - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Melba and family---you are in our thoughts and prayers, we love you! We're heartbroken! We will miss Dick so much, we had so much fun with him and have such wonderful memories of the ranch, visiting with you guysour house and yours, and sure enjoyed

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**Mark and CeCe Risinger** - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Dear Family, I'm sadden to learn of Mr. Rhodes passing. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Guy, I know you shared a very special bond with your dad and those memories will never be far away. You were lucky to have such a wonderful fat

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**Jerry Nunneley** - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I meet Richard years ago while doing transportation reviews with him. He taught a young Trooper a lot. We'll miss his smile and wit.

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**Marshall Milikien, Senior Trooper** - August 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ I'm still in shock after receiving this terrible news. To Melba & family.....you know how much I loved Richard since 1960, when I had the pleasure of meeting him & teaching in the same school for a few years. We live so far apart, it has been hard to tr

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**Ben & Mary Ann Anglin** - August 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM