



## Richard H. Parrish

May 26, 1965 - September 5, 2025

Richard Parrish unexpectedly passed away on Friday, September 5, 2025, at the Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, Colorado.

Richard was born on May 26, 1965, in Winter Haven, FL, to George “Dick” and Jean Parrish. He grew up in Auburndale, FL, and attended Auburndale High School. After high school, he met his beloved Diann, and they married in 1986.

Richard and Diann started their family in central Florida and moved to South Carolina before settling in Wyoming in 2001. He was devoted to his family, community, and church. The family of 11 lived on and managed a ranch where there was always something to do. In addition to his duties on the ranch, Richard worked faithfully at his church. He took great pride in his garden and shared his harvest with others. Richard was a volunteer firefighter for over 20 years and the Department Chief for 13 of those years. He was remembered as one of the first on scene and always going the extra mile for the community.

Richard was an avid member of the F3 Laramie Group since September 2023. Fitness, Fellowship, and Faith are the pillars of the group. His strong faith was a constant source of strength, hope, and comfort to him and anyone he encountered. It’s hard to summarize all the wonderful things Richard

brought to those around him and his community.

He is survived by his wife Diann, and his children Derek (Catherine), Rebekah (Joseph), Seth (Maggie), Kimberly, David (Ariana), Sarah (Clayton), George (Kassidy), Caleb, and Victoria. His loving grandchildren are Ahlia, Iris, Owen, Kira, Amelia, and Astrid. o Richard is also survived by his siblings Linda (Jim), Donna (Gary), Tish (Bill), Brian (Jennafer), and his many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandson Caiman "Sawyer".

A private funeral will be held on Friday, September 12th, in Colorado. For more information, please contact Richard's family.

A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 4 pm on Saturday, September 13, at the Beef Pavilion - Albany County Fairgrounds in Laramie, Wyoming. The Parrish family would love anyone who knew Richard to come celebrate his life and love for the community.

Richard's family would like to thank the first responders, hospital staff at Ivinson Memorial Hospital in Laramie, WY, and the Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, CO. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Friends of Big Laramie Volunteer Fire Department or his church. Checks for the Big Laramie Volunteer Fire Department should be sent to Friends of BLVFD, PO Box 611, Laramie, WY 82073.

"Never had a bad day." - Richard

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **13**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Albany County Fairgrounds - Beef Pavilion  
3510 South 3rd Street  
Laramie, WY 82070

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Richard H. Parrish*



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**Bohlender Funeral Chapel** - September 11, 2025 at 10:11 AM

CD

“ *We met Richard through the McTeggart school of Irish dance. Richard's kindness and steady support for his family were evident every time I saw him at performances and competitions. He had a friendly word for everyone and a quiet strength that made an impression, even from afar. His presence will be missed in the McTeggart community. We are deeply sorry for your loss and hold your family in our thoughts.*

*With love,  
The Dietrichs*

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**Chris Dietrich** - November 09, 2025 at 12:08 PM

JW

“ *I knew Richard and Diann through church and especially the last couple of church "family reunions" in MO. I moved from FL to TN in 2013. Richard always made it a point to touch base and make sure all was well. I had the privilege to be baptized by Richard in MO at a family reunion. Dear Diann, my heart is with you all. You have a friend in Ocoee TN Joyce Welsh*

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**Joyce Welsh** - October 02, 2025 at 04:57 PM

AB

“ I am deeply saddened by Richard’s passing. He was an amazing individual I admired his faith and leadership. God Bless you all in your time of grief.

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**Aimee Binning** - September 13, 2025 at 08:07 AM

RC

“ I would like to extend my condolences to the Parrish family and friends of Richard. It was a privilege to have met him, although only a handful of occasions. He was one of several guys from F3 Laramie who joined our F3 group in Cheyenne, giving of his time and money, to help us make a substantial food donation to a local charity that provides housing and assistance to homeless teenagers. A true HIM (high impact man) On behalf of F3 Cheyenne I bid Farewell to our brother Angus, grateful for the strength, laughter, and fellowship he shared with us in the gloom.

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**Ray Carson** - September 12, 2025 at 06:35 PM

CP

“ After the Lord had given me healing at 2016 Branson gathering, Richard said I needed a new email address. Since then, I have blestscotsman as email address. My condolences to Richard's family.

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**Charles Persons** - September 12, 2025 at 09:58 AM

JS

“ I got to know Richard probably 13 years ago when we both started our years of volunteering for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Richard's presence year after year started to include Diann and their kids. Over the years Richard took on more and more tasks and last year, it became the Parrish kitchen. Always smiling and interacting with other volunteers and the community members that came to eat. Such an amazing man and I am proud and honored to have called him my friend. Richard will certainly be missed; our little corner of the world has lost a treasurer. Rest in Peace.....see you in Paradise

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**Janice Sexton** - September 10, 2025 at 02:24 PM

MM

“ Probably the best memory, aside from fighting many fires and working many rescues, would be the time Richard and I flew from DIA to Florida early in December years ago to purchase a fire engine for the department. We spent time at his sisters in FL and visited his Mom in SC. The long trip back to Laramie paled in comparison to spending time with family. The years I spent on the department, I spent time on the ranch and always felt like family. See you on the top floor Chief

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**Mike Morin** - September 10, 2025 at 09:00 AM

MD

“Mrs. Parrish and all the family has my deepest condolences during this time, and my prayers for peace and comfort. My family met Richard (He has always been Mr. Parrish to me) and his family in 2001 through our Church. I have many fond memories of him (and his whole family) at many Bible camps and conferences working hard to keep everything running. I remember at Bible camp in 2006 in Colorado bugging Richard for jobs to help him out around the camp, attempting to impress him, and he would send me to do this and that and I thought I was a big help. I remember he finally ran out of things for me to do and finally told me “I don’t want to wear out my best racehorse, how about you go have some fun.” I took it as a big compliment, but looking back now I understand he was kindly telling me to go away (Below is a picture from that camp of him I took). My fondest memory of Mr. Parrish was in 2011 in Branson when Pastor Peters was very sick and leaving to go back home, and I was able to tell him goodbye before he left and I told him I loved him, and he said I love you too. The car door shut and I had a feeling I may not see him again, and began to tear up a bit. Mr. Parrish was there and put his arm around me and said everything is going to be alright. He was right, because our Lord and Saviour lives and those in Christ will rise again at the resurrection.

*"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" John 11:25*



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**Matthew Dyer** - September 09, 2025 at 11:37 PM

BL

“ With deepest sympathy to Diane, Richard’s children, family and friends. He was wonderful Christian and someone we will never forget.

*Tim and Bev Lind*

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**Bev Lind** - September 09, 2025 at 08:31 PM

JF

“ I never had the privilege to meet Richard, but his family means a great deal to me and my heart is with you all. I know he was so loved and even though I never met him I respected his love for his family and community and heard just wonderful stories of his grace and giving heart. Much love to Kim, Diann, and the whole lovely family. ❤️

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**Julie K. Flint** - September 09, 2025 at 07:55 PM



“ I got to know Richard “Angus” through our mutual participation in F3. He was always one of the first there, had his shovel flag planted, and was rucking around waiting for others to show up in the gloom. We will miss him dearly and our thoughts and prayers are with the Parrish family.

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**Tod Scott** - September 09, 2025 at 06:54 PM

DF

“ I met Richard and Diann a few years ago. Wonderful people. Richard was so soft spoken and a kind man. He loved the Lord and he was a very good example of Christ like humility. He loved his family. You didn't have to be around Richard for long to recognize these traits. A good man. Although I didn't see him often I enjoyed and will miss his Facebook wisdom. Diann and family, Jess and I are deeply sorry for you all. We know Richard is at peace in the arms of Jesus but we are sorry for your pain.

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**Dana Frazier** - September 09, 2025 at 05:06 PM

SM

“ The one memory (among many) of Richard that stands out the most, is of him and I hunting together. Walking around jaw jacking at each other, laughing hysterically and trying all the while to keep quiet. There was never a dull moment! My sincerest condolences to his friends and family. May The Lord grant you all the comfort and peace that surpasses understanding.

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**steve mcdonald** - September 09, 2025 at 02:37 PM

BF

I met Richard Parrish on a Sunday the first time I attended church in La Porte. From our introduction and our first conversation, then getting to know him, and having him as a friend, a mentor, and a brother in Christ has been one of the best experiences throughout my entire life. Richard was there the day I was married after church services in La Porte. I will never forget Richard nor what he has meant and done for myself and my family. My only regret is not staying in touch with him in recent years. My sincerest condolences to Richard's family and all those that are close to him. May God bring you peace at this time.  
Brandon J Farran

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**Brandon J Farran** - September 10, 2025 at 05:50 AM

SH

“ *Richard was my cousin... in my youth he got us a job us at the skeet and trap club in Auburndale Florida. I always looked up to him not only because he was older but he was just a wise person in general. I'm glad to have known him in my life. My condolences to the Parrish family!*

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**Steve Hall** - September 09, 2025 at 02:24 PM