



Richard Lee Thurman

June 10, 1953 - August 2, 2025

Richard Lee Thurman of Pulaski, Tennessee, passed away Saturday evening, August 2, 2025, at TriStar Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Pulaski, Tennessee on June 10, 1953 and was 72 years old.

Richard was a loving husband, father, grand-father, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and a friend to many. Known as “PePaw” to his grandchildren, spending time with them was one of his greatest joys. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Pulaski. Richard retired from AT & T after 48 & ½ years of service, being a member of the Local 3803 CWA Union for all those years.

Richard was an avid UT Vols fan and a lifelong fan of the New York Yankees, and he loved all Giles County Sports. He was proud of his playing days at Giles County High in both baseball and football.

A visitation will be from 10:00am until 1:00pm Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home.

The funeral service will follow at 1:00pm Wednesday, August 6, 2025, in the chapel of Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home.

The burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery in Pulaski, Tennessee.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Trent Holt Memorial Foundation c/o 1473 Bethel Road Pulaski, TN 38478 or the Monte Cardin Scholarship Fund c/o First Nation Bank 206 S. First Street Pulaski, TN 38478.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, R.W. Thurman and Kathleen Lee Thurman. His father-in-law, Kenneth Coffman along with his sister-in-law, Sharon Derryberry. Several aunts and uncles also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Pam Coffman Thurman of Pulaski, Tennessee.

Son, Josh Thurman of Lavergne, Tennessee.

Son, Daniel (Giselle) Thurman of Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Daughter, Julie Thurman of San Ramon, California.

Grandchildren, Bryson, Olivia, Isabella Lee, Ava, Addison, and Chloe along with his great-granddaughter, Emberlyn.

Brother, Ronald (Charlene) Thurman of Lewisburg, Tennessee.

Mother-in-law, June Coffman of Franklin, Tennessee.

Niece, Karla (Michael) Gardner of Pulaski, Tennessee.

Brothers-in-law, Randy (Susan) Coffman of Thompsons Station, Tennessee and Cecil Derryberry of Petersburg, Tennessee.

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements for Richard Lee Thurman.

Cemetery Details

Maplewood Cemetery

500 Ballentin Street
Pulaski, TN 38478

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bennett- May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory
1910 Elkton Pike
Pulaski, TN 38478

Funeral Service

AUG 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bennett- May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory
1910 Elkton Pike
Pulaski, TN 38478

Tribute Wall

MC

“ MIKE CHANDLER lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Thurman



MIKE CHANDLER - August 05, 2025 at 12:18 PM

JC

“ John W Coleman lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Thurman



John W Coleman - August 05, 2025 at 12:09 PM

JC

“ This hurts me and so many deeply, Richard was one the best people you could ever call a friend, from a lifelong Bammer to a lifelong Vol for life rest well .

John W Coleman - August 05, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Bryson Thurman - August 04, 2025 at 08:25 PM



“ So sorry prayers



Rose Ann Hood - August 04, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ Carl (Woody) Woodard lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Thurman



Carl (Woody) Woodard - August 04, 2025 at 05:12 PM

IL

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



Isabella Lee - August 04, 2025 at 10:38 AM

DH

“ So sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏



Diane & Bill Hollis - August 03, 2025 at 10:14 PM

MK

“ Max And Paula Kirk lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Thurman



Max and Paula Kirk - August 03, 2025 at 09:46 PM

SH

“ Richard and I differed on our college football but, the banter was top notch. I'll miss my friend and coworker I learned from.

Shannon Holcomb - August 03, 2025 at 06:09 PM

CP

“ *Sure gonna miss one of best friends and mentors. You where loved so much by me and my family.* ”

Chris Pope - August 03, 2025 at 04:50 PM