



## Rich Ellington

February 2, 1961 - July 18, 2022

Richard T. (Rich) Ellington, 61, of Teays Valley passed away on July 18, 2022.

Rich graduated from Dupont High School, class of 1979. He received his undergraduate degree in Accounting from West Virginia State University, and later earned his MBA from the University of Charleston. Professionally, Rich worked as a CPA for Howell and Paterno, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Bell Atlantic, but ultimately retired as a Contract Manager from Verizon. He served as a board member of the Mator's Kids Foundation, and as a trustee for the First Baptist Church of Nitro.

Rich's greatest joy in life was raising his two sons alongside his wife Sue. He was an active member of the community; serving as a coach, mentor, and fundraiser for numerous boys and girls sports programs. Rich was an avid athlete and participated in several lifelong activities and sports. He was an outgoing friend who created a large network of people from all walks of life

that enriched everyone involved. He forged a life full of incredibly diverse experiences, skills, and abilities; a true Renaissance man. Rich was a devout husband, dedicated father, and a true believer in his heavenly father, Jesus Christ.

Rich was preceded in death by his stepfather, John O'Dell, stepfather, William Ellington, and father, Richard Burdette.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years Sue, sons, Ian of Hurlburt Field, FL, and Andy (Ciearra) and their two sons, Kaison and Cade of Culloden; his mother, Clarise O'Dell; sister, Belinda Walker (George); brother, Tim (Susan); sister, Sheri Brown (Greg); brother, Fred (Ivon); father-in-law, Kenneth Phillips (Janet); brother-in-law, Scott Phillips (Martha); and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service for Rich will be 1:30pm Saturday, July 23, 2022 at First Baptist Church of Nitro, 2200 2nd Avenue, Nitro WV 25143 with Dr. Lawrence Hoptry officiating.

Friends may visit the family 5:00pm until 8:00pm Friday July 22, 2022 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane WV.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests any donations be made to the Mator's Kids Foundation, the Great Teays Soccer Club, or the First Baptist Church of Nitro.

Anyone wishing to leave an online condolence or memory may do so on Rich's tribute page at, [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com).

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane WV 25526 is honored to handle the Ellington family's arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **22.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane  
3941 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
(304) 757-7531  
info@chapmanfuneralhomes.com  
<https://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

JUL **23.** 1:30 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Nitro  
2200 2nd Avenue  
Nitro, WV 25143

# Tribute Wall



“ *Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rich Ellington*



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**Chapman Funeral Homes** - July 22, 2022 at 04:53 PM



“ *Rich Ellington*

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October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Sue, I was very saddened upon learning of Rich's passing. My thoughts are with you.*

*Jim Zellers*

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**Jim Zellers** - July 23, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ *Rich was a wonderful friend who i met at the YMCA. He was always special to me and others at the Y. This brought tears to my eyes.*

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**mary dooley** - July 22, 2022 at 07:00 PM

DT

“ I met Rich probably 15-18 years ago playing USTA and Thursday nite beer league tennis at TIC. I'll miss his humor, his shot making and of course our competitive banter back and forth. Rich was one of the good guys, and he will be missed greatly!

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**Doug Toliver** - July 22, 2022 at 04:34 PM

MI

“ Sue and family, I am sorry to hear of Rich's passing. May God be with you at this time and know that you have been blessed to have such a wonderful husband and father in your life. Sending prayers and comfort your way.

*Margaret Ingram*

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**Margaret Anne Ingram** - July 22, 2022 at 02:44 PM

SL

“ Dear Sue. Dennis and I are so very sorry for this great loss to you and your family. Please accept our heartfelt condolences and know we are praying for you.

*Sue and Dennis Layton*

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**Sue Layton** - July 22, 2022 at 01:34 PM

GH

“ My life has crossed paths with Rich at least twice, The first as wrestlers at DuPont HS in the late 70's and once again as parents in the late 90's. Both events were great experiences, however the later was extra special. We signed our oldest son up for soccer early in life and after a couple of seasons of "cluster" soccer, we were paired with a new coach - the Original Coach Rich! Day one was an awesome experience. It was meant to be for Rich to coach The Big Green. He taught, not only these little 6&7 year olds to play position, he taught the parents and siblings sportsmanship and the grace of winning. I say that because we didn't lose. Rich was all about teaching sportsmanship, but also teaching our little athletes how to spread the field. It worked. We dominated every year until these little guys and one girl (Melanie) made it to Middle School. At that point the Big Green moved on and that part was over. However, the experience and the teaching that Rich taught us all continues today. Thank you Rich for being such an awesome Coach, Parent, Teacher, Mentor, Friend, Father and Husband. We got to enjoy you for a while, but now heaven has you forever!

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Gene Harpold - July 22, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.



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July 22, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.*



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July 22, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.*



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July 22, 2022 at 01:31 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.*



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July 22, 2022 at 12:01 AM

GH

“ My life crossed paths with Rich twice. Once on the wrestling mat in HS in the late 70’s and once again as parents in the late 90’s. Both events were great experiences, however the later was extra special. We signed our oldest son Nick up for soccer early in life and after a couple of seasons of “cluster” soccer, we were paired with a new coach - the original Coach Rich! Day one was an awesome experience. It was meaningful for Rich to coach the Big Green! He taught, not only these little 6 &7 year olds to play position, he taught the parents and siblings sportsmanship and the grace of winning. I say that, because we didn’t lose. Rich was all about teaching sportsmanship, but also teaching our little athletes how to spread the field. It worked. We dominated every year until these little guys and one girl (Melanie) made it to MS. At that point the Bid Green moved on and that part was over. However, the experience and the teaching that Rich taught us all continues today. Thank you Rich for being such an awesome Coach, Parent, Teacher, Mentor, Father, Friend and Husband. We had you for a while, but now heaven has you forever!



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Gene Harpold - July 21, 2022 at 09:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.



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July 21, 2022 at 08:42 PM

MM

“ You were my brother in Chris, my backpacking buddy and my friend. I will surely miss you.



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**Mike & Teresa Mason** - July 21, 2022 at 08:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.



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July 21, 2022 at 07:24 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.



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July 21, 2022 at 05:36 PM

MM

“ You are my brother in Christ, my backpacking buddy and my friend.  
I will miss you Rich.



Mike Mason - July 21, 2022 at 04:04 PM

JP

“ Jim Poling purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Rich Ellington.



Jim Poling - July 21, 2022 at 03:52 PM

TS

“ Tom & SinMun Stuckart purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rich Ellington.



Tom & SinMun Stuckart - July 21, 2022 at 03:01 PM

RP

“ Rick and Peggy Petrella purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Rich Ellington.



Rick and Peggy Petrella - July 21, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.*



July 21, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ *Rob, Amy, Alex and Sophie Henson purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Rich Ellington.*



**Rob, Amy, Alex and Sophie Henson** - July 21, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.*



July 21, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.*



July 21, 2022 at 12:52 PM

BU

“ Shocked and saddened to hear of Rich's passing. He was a real joy at work and play. Truly enjoyed our morning talks at VZ and our motorcycle rides together. Sincere condolences to Rich's family that he ALWAYS spoke proudly and lovingly about. Buddy

Buddy - July 21, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.



July 21, 2022 at 11:58 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.



July 21, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.



July 21, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.*



July 21, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ *DiPiero Simmons McGinley and Bastress purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rich Ellington.*



**DiPiero Simmons McGinley and Bastress** - July 21, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.*



July 21, 2022 at 11:09 AM



“ *My Soul Lives On Blanket was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.*



July 21, 2022 at 10:48 AM

CS

“ When our family moved to WV we were fortunate to meet Rich, Sue and they're two boys. Rich was a great mentor and coach for our boys. He was a good man with a great sense of humor. He was the best of the best.

Charlie Schuler - July 21, 2022 at 09:51 AM

MB

“ Rich always had a smile on his face and was fun to joke around with when he came in to exercise. He was always talking about his next trip or big adventure. He will be sadly missed. Sending love and sympathy to Sue and the family. CAMC Teays Valley Hospital - Cardiac Rehab staff.



malina burdette - July 21, 2022 at 09:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.



July 21, 2022 at 08:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.



July 21, 2022 at 08:19 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rich Ellington.*



July 21, 2022 at 08:13 AM



“ *So shocked to hear of Rich death..He was such a nice man and we enjoyed working with him when he bought property thru us..Sending prayers for peace and comfort for his entire family..R.I.P. Rich, you will always be missed..Jon & Jane Wyatt, RE/MAX*

**Jon & Jane Wyatt** - July 21, 2022 at 12:35 AM



*Dear Sue ... All of you will be in our prayers. We so enjoy the time and good memories made with both you and Rich, as well as when our boys were young. The picture tribute is fabulous and a nice keepsake for all. You and Rich were blessed in living your lives to the fullest. Rich passed like my father, way to young. Like my father too, when God called him, he responded with, “ Here I am Lord” and left in order to see Jesus face to face in all glory. As comforting as that is in a believer’s journey, those left behind rejoice, but with their physical absence to be heart wrenching. May Jesus blanket you with peace and love, may the Holy Spirit strengthen you and gift you with wisdom, and May God grant you all of your needs and desires of your heart. In Him always, The Mazzella Family ... Becky and Martin, better known back in the day as Bryan’s parents 🤔🙏🤔*

**Rebecca Mazzella** - July 30, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ *A fine man, a wonderful co-worker, and a good friend. Rich was always so pleasant. What a great smile he had. He will be missed. My condolences to his family.*

**David Frost** - July 20, 2022 at 09:33 PM

DO

“ *Rich and I worked on several projects together at BA/VZ. One of the nicest guys I had the pleasure of knowing!* ”

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**DON** - July 20, 2022 at 09:20 PM