



Richard Earl Potter

September 15, 1945 - July 9, 2025

Richard Earl Potter, 79, of Lanexa, Virginia passed away on July 9th, 2025. He is survived by his wife Brigitte Potter; sister Sharon Fowlkes; niece Kelly Ruger; nephew George Fowlkes and wife Kerry, grandchildren Josh and Jennifer Fowlkes; stepchildren Susan & Tom Muza, Glenda Osby, Lori & Warren White, and his beloved cat “Fang” and many other relatives and friends who will miss him dearly.

Richard is the son of Charles Civial Potter and Ione Potter. He went to New Kent High School to the 7th grade then transferred to Christ Church School in Urbanna, VA where he graduated. Richard graduated from Hampden-Sydney College; served as an M.P. in the U.S. Army obtaining a rank of Sergeant E5, was a teacher at New Kent High, worked at Ford Motor Company for 22 years and later as a security guard at Dewitt Wallace Museum in Williamsburg, VA for 17 years. Richard was a true southern gentleman, history lover, and a passionate animal lover.

A Memorial service will be held at Corinth Baptist Church, 11650 New Kent Hwy, New Kent, VA 23124, on Saturday, August 16, 2025, beginning at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society or to the Humane Society.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Corinth Baptist Church
11650 New Kent Hwy
New Kent, VA 23124

Tribute Wall

BP

“ Sharon and Brigitte, I am saddened to learn of Richard's passing. I have known him most of my life and the memories are many. As adults we travelled different roads but he was always there for a visit or telephone chat. I will miss his laugh and many kindnesses but I believe he will be finally at peace.

Barbara Pearson - July 22, 2025 at 09:01 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - July 16, 2025 at 06:24 AM

GE

“ Gwen Via Ellyson lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl Potter



Gwen Via Ellyson - July 15, 2025 at 09:57 PM

VR

“ I always knew Richard as “Potts.” He was a fraternity brother of my husband at Hampden-Sydney College, and he was a sweet, gentle, kind soul. I am so sorry to hear of his passing, and I will truly miss him.

Vivian Rome

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Vivian Rome - July 15, 2025 at 05:57 PM

GC

“ Brigitte, Sharon, family and Friends,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of
Richard.

The Class of 1963 of New Kent High School
will surely miss his presence at our get
togethers...we were always so glad to include him.

Cherish your precious memories.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Gloria Couch



Gloria Couch - July 15, 2025 at 09:04 AM

MC

“ Richard was a gentle soul who was always kind no matter what the situation at the museums. He was a special part of our museum family and will be missed and remembered at all future gatherings.

Mary Cottrill - July 14, 2025 at 06:07 PM