



## Richard Roy Benard

April 14, 1938 - April 12, 2014

Richard Roy Benard, 75, of Chanute, passed away Saturday, April 12, 2014 at the Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center in Chanute.

Richard was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 14, 1938, the son of Byron Gomer and Rose Elizabeth (McCormick) Benard.

He was united in marriage to Alma Hughlene Hood on May 29, 1959 in DeQueen, Arkansas. She survives of the home.

Richard worked for Williams Natural Gas until his retirement.

He was a member of the Westview Southern Baptist Church, was on the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Team, was a soupline volunteer, and volunteered at Chanute Health Care Nursing Home serving ice cream. He loved to play racquetball.

Along with his wife Alma, he is survived by his children, Rick Benard and his wife Melody of Newton, KS, Carolyn Hibbs and her husband David of Chanute, Mike Benard of Wichita, KS and Jill Stevenson and her husband Joe of Chanute; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and two brothers, William Maurice Benard of Dallas, TX and Byron Gomer Benard II of Dallas, TX.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Basil Benard and Robert Benard; and a sister, Betty Rossiter.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at the Westview Southern Baptist Church in Chanute. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. at the Countryside Funeral Home Johnson Chapel in Chanute.

Memorials in his name may be made to Faith House and may be left with the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 15. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel  
101 N. Highland  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-1220  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

## Service

APR 16. 10:30 AM (CT)

Westview Southern Baptist Church  
1415 S Plummer  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Tribute Wall

AH

“ I remember Richard and his family and will never forget the kindness and love shared with myself and all our college friends. We stayed in his camper for a week while waiting to move into our apartment and shared many weekends having dinner with his family. He always welcomed us and made us feel at home. His family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Amir Hossini*

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**Amir Hossini** - April 29, 2014 at 11:33 AM

DW

“ DeDe Walton lit a candle in memory of Richard Roy Benard



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**DeDe Walton** - April 19, 2014 at 11:07 AM

SB

“ Sorry to hear about Richard, I still remember going to the house when we were in high school and he always had a smile and smart comment for us,

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**Scott Bomberger** - April 16, 2014 at 10:25 PM

CA

“ Richard was a wonderful man and a 2nd father to alot of us neighborhood kids when we were young and his beautiful bride, Alma, a 2nd mother. He will be greatly missed. May God surround his loved ones with comfort and love that only comes from Him.

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**Cathy** - April 15, 2014 at 01:47 PM

MK

“ I remember Richard and Alma from Westminster Road Baptist Church in the 70's. They were always 'yes' people when asked to help with whatever was needed. He always had a smile on his face like this picture which was the way he showed his love for everyone. He's just a thought away, not far..... I'm praying for your peace,  
Mary Jean (Myrick) Kenley

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**Mary Jean Kenley** - April 15, 2014 at 09:38 AM

CM

“ Richard was always so kind to me. Every morning as a child I would walk down to the Benard home and he would greet me with a smile and something funny to say. I felt so welcome around him. Alma would always offer me a waffle as I waited on Jill to walk to grade school with me. Richard was always so exceptional and kind and it was a privilege to grow up next to him and his family who were so good to me and my family. God Bless.

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**Cindy McCoy** - April 15, 2014 at 07:26 AM

SR

“ I knew Richard and Alma from my years at Westview Baptist church. Richard was always willing to lend a helping hand. He would help set up rooms for luncheons and other times, and he would help out as needed in the kitchen doing everything he could. I always saw him as a friendly, respectful and kind person. Richard will be missed by all who knew him. My prayers are with Alma and their children and grandchildren. God bless you all  
In Christ's love, Susan Roberson

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**Susan Roberson** - April 14, 2014 at 10:56 PM