



## Richard D. Busby

November 5, 1951 - October 9, 2021

### Obituary for Richard (Rickey) Busby

Richard (Rickey) D. Busby, age 69, passed away into the arms of Jesus Christ on October 9, 2021. He was a good and honorable man who always had a kind word, or a joke and a smile for anyone he encountered. Everyone he met along his life's journey felt better for it. Rickey, known as "Buzz" to many of his friends and family, was a graduate of Bessemer High School. While there, he was a multisport star in basketball and baseball. Baseball was his passion, and where he truly excelled. During his senior year, he was offered a baseball scholarship to the University of Alabama. However, he got the chance to live his true dream when the Houston Astros drafted him in the Major League Baseball Draft. Rickey spent several years in professional baseball. After the travels of baseball, Rickey returned to the Birmingham area to start a family. Even though he loved baseball, his family was his greatest joy. He continued to enjoy all sports, especially watching his son coach his Helena Huskies football team. Rickey was preceded by the passing of his parents Cecil and Virginia Boothe Busby. He leaves behind a legacy of love to his wife of 50 years Marilyn Rhodes Busby, son Richie Busby, daughter Kimberly Busby Dye (Jonathan), grandchildren Avery Busby, Kate Busby, Palyn Dye, Breelyn Dye, Dalton Dye, sisters Ginger Busby Rountree (Chuck), Paige Busby Turk, brothers Mike Busby, John "Tip" Busby (Mary), brothers in law Dan Rhodes (Evelyn), David Rhodes, and several nieces and nephews. A celebration of life will be held for Rickey on October 17, 2021 at 3:00 pm at the Oasis of Praise located at 6922 Pocahontas Road, Bessemer, AL 35022 behind the Church under the pavilion. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Rickey's name to Helena Youth Football 1310 Hillsboro Parkway, Helena, AL 35080 attention: Coach Busby.

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ Many memories from Broadmoor and beyond. First memory was a little seven year old second baseball named Ricky Busby who was playing ball with all us twelve year olds in the Civitan League. I remember being impressed with his talent at such a young age. We had stayed in touch during our later years. It is very haunting, but I just called him last Saturday and it went straight to voice mail. I wanted to tell him I had just heard two post game interviews Richie had given on their facebook after Helena's latest wins. At the end they said, "love you buzz, hope you are listening. Spirits live on and memories last forever. Love you Buzz from Broadmoor's catcher, Tommy Brooks.

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**Tommy Brooks** - October 15, 2021 at 05:34 PM

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“ Marilyn, whenever I think of you and Ricky, I always remember how much you loved him! Love and prayers for you and your family tonight! Katie May

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**Katie May** - October 12, 2021 at 11:33 PM

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“ To busbyfamily,let me say how sorry I was to hear of Richards passing.he was a great friend and I know he will be missed by those who knew him and especially me.richy,kim,u had a wonderful dad and I thought the world of him.tell your mom I will be praying for you all 🙏 during this time of sorrow and remember that he fought a good fight he finished the course and kept the faith and we all must do the same and follow in his foot steps and one blessed day we will be there where he's at sharing the beauty of heaven.may God bless is my prayer.david Meeks.

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**David Meeks** - October 12, 2021 at 09:06 PM