



## Mr. Richard James Bandy

March 4, 1940 - March 1, 2014

Richard James Bandy of Woodstock, AL, patriarch of the Bandy family, died Saturday, March 1, 2014, a few days shy of his 74th birthday.

Richard, affectionately called Papa by his grandchildren and great grandchildren, brought himself from living in an orphanage to living the American dream. Born and raised in Birmingham, he married his sweetheart, Melba, on June 5, 1959. A man of his word, he kept his wedding vows for 19,994 days until his death finally parted them. At the time of his passing, Richard was surrounded by the love of his life and three generations of family he and Melba created.

A corny joke aficionado, lover of Alabama football and music, avid reader, staunch democrat, accumulator of gadgets, and landscaping magician, Papa was loved by all who knew him. His hearty, contagious laugh could brighten anyone's day. And, he laughed often. Many days were made better for others during his lifetime.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents, Hugh Morgan and Audrey Brasher Bandy; sisters, Olivia Bandy and Bernice Newman; brothers, Edwin

and John Bandy; and infant son Richard James Bandy Jr. He is survived by his wife, Melba; brothers, Hugh Bandy (Jean) of Birmingham and Billy Robertson of Cullman; sister, Mildred Tortoriello (Frank) of Ocala, FL; sister-in-law, Peggy Short; and brother-in-law, Jessie Vance both of Woodstock. Richard is also survived by his children, Edwin Bandy (Kelly); Audrey Kennedy (Spencer); Jonathan Bandy; Elizabeth Fisher (Gary); Richard Bandy (Prudence); and Peggy Vick (Jason) all of Woodstock. In addition, "Papa" is survived by 16 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive visitors on Monday, March 10, 2014, from 5-7 p.m., with a service celebrating his life beginning at 7 p.m. at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, 4780 Letson Farms Parkway, McCalla, AL.

"A skeleton walks into a bar and says, 'Give me a beer ... and a mop.'" -  
Richard "Papa" Bandy

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard James Bandy.*



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March 10, 2014 at 08:57 AM



“ *Joel Bragg and The Synovus Trust Staff purchased the Finest Farewell Spray for the family of Mr. Richard James Bandy.*



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**Joel Bragg and The Synovus Trust Staff** - March 08, 2014 at 02:58 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard James Bandy.*



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March 07, 2014 at 10:06 AM



“ *Mr Bandy was a sweet man. He came to my rescue when I couldn't get my garage door open and I needed to go to work. I called on him on a few occasions. He always helped me with a smile. And.. He bragged about a flower tree that I had in my yard which he claimed was the biggest one he had ever seen. He will be missed!*

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**Karen Deerman** - March 04, 2014 at 08:20 PM



*Thank you, Karen. He did always have such a beautiful smile.*

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**Peggy Vick** - March 09, 2014 at 10:33 AM