

## Mr. Ricky "Coach" Vickery

October 2, 1954 - October 18, 2016

VICKERY – Ricky “Coach” Vickery age 62 of Cornelia passed away October 18, 2016. He had a huge heart and loved working with children. He recently retired from Forsyth County schools after many years of teaching and coaching. He was an advocate for the youth. He was an avid Georgia Bulldogs fan. He was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene Stanford Vickery and parents, Norman and Fay Vickery. He is survived by his sister, Elaine Langely; brother-in-law, Randy Smith both of Dawsonville; niece, Nichole and David Stancil; his adoring “grandchildren”, Sophia (SoSo) Stancil and Sam Stancil; many aunts and uncles, Thelma and Grover Vickery, Willie Mae and Ray Vickery, Jean and Ricky Vickery, Mary Lou Vickery, Mary Jo Vickery and Annette Ransom. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 11:00am in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow at Green Lawn Cemetery. The Vickery family will receive friends on Friday, October 21, 2016 from 6:00pm until 9:00pm at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, Roswell, 770-645-1414. [www.northsidechapel.com](http://www.northsidechapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy  
Roswell, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Funeral Service

OCT **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ricky "Coach" Vickery*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Oh snap! Sooo sad. For you Elaine Vickery Langley and for myself. It does hurt. I hope to keep him alive in my heart by sharing his greatness with others.*

*Ricky was so generously kind to everyone he met. I know we are cousins but when I was 25, I moved from jax, FL to the ATL for work. Ricky opened his home to me and without complaint drove/went with me to view apartments and take care of the usual transitional things that come with relocating. I reminded him many times I was big now and could handle this...but he just kept supporting me and including me in all his life's activities, and friends. Never asked for a dime. For a month I felt the most secure as I had ever.felt, just like being home in jax. .*

*I appreciated his kind generosity more than he could ever know. And I truly believe he earned his angel wings here on earth. And I hope he is smiling down on you right now while reading this. I will forever miss you Ricky.*

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**darlene** - October 21, 2016 at 04:45 PM



“ It would be a shorter note to express the things I haven't done with Ricky than those things I have. Golf, coaching, poker, lovers of all things UGA, worked several different jobs at the same workplace, heck - Ricky even rented a condo of mine for several years. I feel terrible at his loss. It's been a few years since I have spoken to Ricky as marriage, kids, moving and life in general seemed to get in the way. I always thought there was time to talk to him again later... sadly, later never came and I feel terrible about that.

Perhaps my favorite memory of Ricky was playing golf. Ricky wasn't very good, neither were most of us. But a large group of coaching buddies went to Jackson, Georgia one day to play a little hole in the wall 9-hole course. A friend of ours, Rudy - got sick so Ricky got his permission to use his clubs while Rudy rested up back at the car. Ricky and I were riding together. Well lo and behold we get to a short Par 3 hole with a lake in between us and the green.

Ricky hits his best ball of the day, a rarity, and you see the ball land across the lake and on the green - a beautiful shot... the kind that keeps you coming back to play again and again even though you should probably give up the game.

Folks start hooping & hollering when all of a sudden we hear a splash. One look at Ricky's sheepish face told us what had happened. Ricky had lost the grip on Rudy's club after swinging and the wedge he was using landed in the middle of the lake. I'll never forget that look on Ricky's face or his explanation of what happened to that wedge.

God bless you Ricky for everything and we'll meet again one day I am sure.

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Chris Coen - October 21, 2016 at 02:08 PM



“ Coach Vickery was one of my middle school teachers. He was a nice man and always funny. I remember he would tease me about a boy I liked and always tell me that boy was "sweet on me". :) I think I remember reading *To Kill A Mockingbird* in his class. Now I have a little girl named Scout. I pray that his family would feel God's peace and comfort as they mourn his passing. I pray he is resting in peace with his Creator.

Kala Gullede McRae - October 21, 2016 at 01:34 PM



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Northside Chapel - October 21, 2016 at 11:08 AM



“ Coach Vickery was one of my first teachers when moving from Scotland to America. He was a kind and considerate man who always went out of his way to make sure I was fitting in. I am very sorry to hear of his passing and my thoughts are with his family.

Emma Johnston - October 21, 2016 at 10:10 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Ricky "Coach" Vickery.



October 21, 2016 at 09:42 AM

BH

“ *My condolences to the family, May you find comfort in Our Lord Jesus Christ...*

**Bettie Ann Harden** - October 21, 2016 at 09:10 AM

JB

“ *In the '80s and '90s was fortunate to get to know Ricky and experience his friendship, his humor, and his passion for sports - especially the Braves, Bulldogs, and all sports at Roswell High School. I lost touch with Ricky when I moved from Atlanta. I am sorry to hear of his passing but am certain everyone in heaven who does not know how to throw a curveball, shortly will. To his family and other friends I send my prayers and sympathy for your loss.*  
*Jack Bowers, Nashville TN*

**Jack Bowers** - October 20, 2016 at 06:12 PM

EL

*Thank you so much .. I am Ricky's sister, elaine.. I loved reading your comment... Rick was one of a kind for sure, and loved by many.. thank you for sharing..*

**Elaine Langley** - October 21, 2016 at 08:35 AM

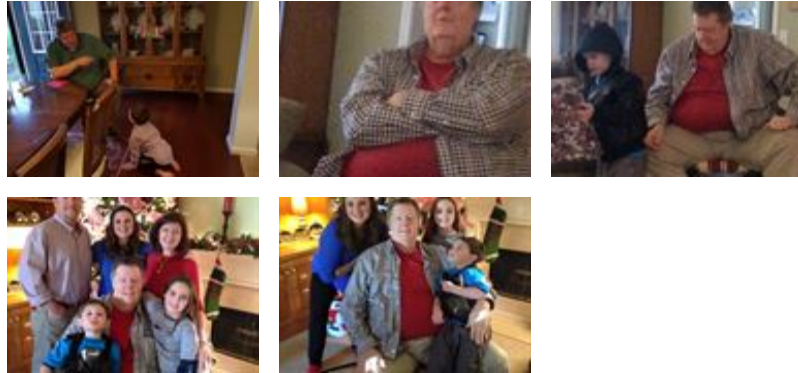


“ *I knew Ricky from growing up in Roswell. We went Roswell Elementary together. He was a fun loving guy with a big heart and great smile.*  
*My prayers go up for his family.*  
*Katie Mason Cargle*

**Katie Cargle** - October 20, 2016 at 06:10 PM



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Northside Chapel - October 20, 2016 at 02:21 PM



“ Elaine so sorry! He was an all around sports addict 😞 My first thought of him was him and Darlene sitting in mamas den playing with DJ pitching the baseball ! ❤️ to all !

Terri Miller - October 20, 2016 at 12:29 PM



“ Praying for you and your family.  
Holly

Holly - October 20, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Ricky "Coach" Vickery.



October 20, 2016 at 09:43 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ricky "Coach" Vickery.*



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October 20, 2016 at 08:31 AM



“ *Elaine and family,*

*So sorry to hear about Ricky, we will all miss him greatly. He was just like one of the other kids in the "Ray" family. If you saw Danny or Charles you saw Ricky. He was at several of our family get togethers and we loved having him there.*

*Dwight and Martha Ray*

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**Martha Ray** - October 20, 2016 at 07:57 AM



“ *My memory box is full of memories of Ricky and Darlene❤️ With a broken heart I'm sending love and prayers💔🙏*

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**Patti and Jimmy Vaughan & family** - October 19, 2016 at 05:10 PM



“ *Thought a lot of Ricky. Will miss talking to him on the phone about Roswell High School football. He will be missed greatly. - Ray Vickery and family*

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**Ray Vickery** - October 19, 2016 at 12:45 PM



*Ricky lived in our neighborhood! He will be missed , Larry and Virginia Ellington*

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**Larry and virginia Ellington** - October 19, 2016 at 05:04 PM