



## Rickey Donail Pasley

November 16, 1954 - February 20, 2026

Rickey Pasley, 71, of Chattanooga, departed this earthly life on Friday, February 20, 2026, at his residence. He was born on November 16, 1954, to Donald Lee and Armelia Jane Pasley. Rickey grew up in Chattanooga and graduated from Tyner High School in 1972. Shortly after graduation, he answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Army, where he was stationed at Fort Knox. Upon returning to civilian life, he furthered his education at Chattanooga State Community College, specializing in welding.

Rickey was a member of the East Third Street Church of Christ. He found great joy in the traditional hymns of the church, with "Salvation Has Been Brought Down" and "Mansion Robe and Crown" being among his favorites. Outside of the sanctuary, Rickey could often be found enthusiastically—and loudly—cheering for his favorite NFL team, the Dallas Cowboys.

Beyond the hymns, Rickey's signature song was the classic "Lean on Me." To hear him sing it was a true experience; he performed it with such genuine feeling and warmth that it made everyone in the room want to be his friend. His voice was a reflection of his spirit—supportive, soulful, and always there for those he loved.

Rickey was preceded in death by his father, Donald Lee Pasley; his

grandparents, Rosa Lee and Wiley Pasley, Jr., and Hurel "Jack" and Hattie Vines Gates; and his brother, Jeffrey Todd Williams.

Those Rickey leaves to cherish his memories include : special friend, Ella Z. Blair Taylor; parents, Zephyr and Armelia Williams, Jr. and step-mother, Charlene Pasley; children, Shannon Pasley and Kedrick Darby; siblings, Troy (Jacque) Williams, Donald (Shanna) Pasley, Gerald (Brandy) Pasley, Christy Pasley and step-brother, Michael Williams; special aunts, Velma Jean Strickland, Dixie Ree Ballou and Hureline Blanks; favorite nephew, Troy Williams, Jr.; former- wife, Jennifer Pasley, as well as a host of many other cherished relatives and friends who will miss his spirited presence.

Rickey will lie-in-state on Friday, March 6, 2026, from 1-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 12 noon in the Chapel with Bro. John R. Taylor, Sr., as the Eulogist. Burial on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Lie-In-State

MAR 6. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

## Funeral Service

MAR 7. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

## Burial

MAR 9. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery  
1200 Bailey Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37404

# Tribute Wall

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| JB | <p>“ <i>Peace and rest<br/>Jocelyn</i></p> <div data-bbox="1133 289 1403 531"></div> <hr/> <p><b>Jocelyn Bryant</b> - March 09 at 05:53 PM</p>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| M  | <p>“ <i>Flame Forever.Marlon</i></p> <div data-bbox="1133 688 1403 930"></div> <hr/> <p><b>Marlon</b> - March 07 at 02:52 PM</p>                                                                                                                                                                                |
| M  | <p>“ <i>Rick I'll never forget our saying "There no Honor between Thieves"<br/>Keep it till I get there.Your brother Marlon. Special Love.</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>Marlon</b> - March 07 at 02:43 PM</p>                                                                                                            |
| RH | <p>“ <i>The BTW Alumni offer our prayers and<br/>condolences to the family of Rickey Donail<br/>Pasley.</i></p> <div data-bbox="1133 1360 1403 1602"></div> <hr/> <p><b>Rosalind C. Harrirs</b> - March 07 at 07:29 AM</p> |



“ *Teresa Reed lit a candle in memory of Rickey Donail Pasley*

Teresa Reed - March 03 at 08:53 PM



“ *Condolences and Prayers to the family. Remembering Rickey as a friend to my Brother Michael and a kind neighbor and friend to our whole family as well as we lived and grew up in shepherd. He always had a smile and was kind.*

Constance DeRamus - March 02 at 02:13 PM



“ *To the Pasley, all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.* 🙏🙏🙏

Jean Pickens - March 02 at 12:50 AM



“ *Thanks for the memories, you will be greatly missed.*

Tammy Clay - February 28 at 03:43 AM

TC

“ He was always ready to help, and gave me good advice when I was baptized. I learned a lot from him, an I will keep that with me, along with memories of the good old days. He will be greatly missed.

Tammy Clay - February 28 at 12:47 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rickey Donail Pasley.



February 27 at 06:57 PM

K

“ Kellye Woods lit a candle in memory of Rickey Donail Pasley

Kellye Woods - February 27 at 01:20 PM

CL

“ Carlos N. Lacy lit a candle in memory of Rickey Donail Pasley



Carlos N. Lacy - February 27 at 08:21 AM

CL

*My heartfelt condolences to Ms. Mickey, Zep, Troy and the entire extended family of Rickey.*

**Carlos N. Lacy** - February 27 at 08:28 AM

LC

“ *Lisa Coyle lit a candle in memory of Rickey Donail Pasley*

**Lisa Coyle** - February 27 at 12:37 AM



“ *Sharing a 2016 moment between Donald (dad) and Rickey (son).*

*May our God of comfort and peace grant our family comfort and peace as we morn the loss of Rickey and celebrate his life.*

*Cousins George and Mary McCleskey*



**George McCleskey** - February 26 at 06:30 PM

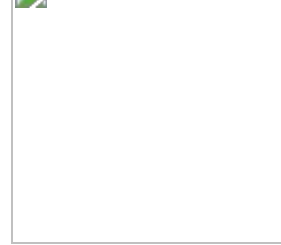
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*Thanks for sharing!*

**Shannon Pasley** - March 13 at 11:38 PM



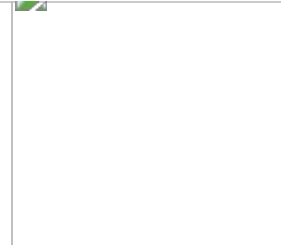
“ *Sonya Stiggers lit a candle in memory of Rickey Donail Pasley*



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**Sonya Stiggers** - February 26 at 02:39 AM



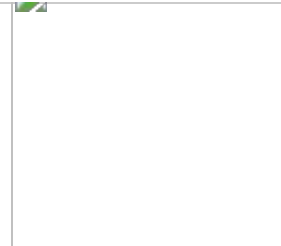
“ *Sharron Sims McClarty*



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**Sharron McClarty** - February 26 at 12:12 AM



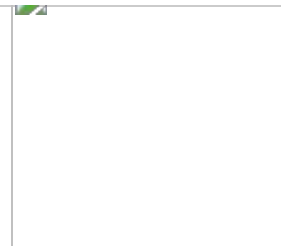
“ *My condolences and prayers to the family,he'll truly be missed riding around Shepherd.*



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**Regina Sawyer** - February 25 at 10:27 PM



“ *Brother Rickey will be so very missed. He always sat near me & my husband Richard. He was always funny too. He could sing like no one I've heard. Condolences to the family.*



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**Janet Powell** - February 25 at 08:40 PM





“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rickey Donail Pasley.*



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February 25 at 06:34 PM



“ *Great Day. My heart goes out to his family. I loved Rickey he was my true Brother in Christ. He always made me laugh. But my funnest memory of him. When we both would be working in the kitchen side by side. He would be standing beside me talking about these people ain't gone be getting on my nerves trying to decide what piece of chicken they want. And I would be standing there laughing at him. Also, when he would look in the congregation and see me and want to sing Beyond the Azure Blue. He would say I just wanted to see if you can hit that high note. Im truly going to miss my brother and friend in Christ Jesus. Rest well,rest well.*

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**Mai Locklin** - February 25 at 04:48 AM



“ *May the peace of God rain on his family. He was always laughing and cutting up with his friends growing up in Shepherd. Look to see you again on that great getting up morning.*

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**Lindia Mathis** - February 24 at 08:57 PM



“ *Gregory Cooke lit a candle in memory of Rickey Donail Pasley*

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**Gregory Cooke** - February 24 at 08:10 PM



“ *Praying for my family.  
Pam S.Wooten*

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**Pamela Wooten** - February 24 at 01:20 PM



“ *Ricky will truly be missed, my sister and I would cut up with him every time we saw him. Condolences to his family and friends!*

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**Gwen Westmoreland** - February 24 at 12:34 AM



“ *With sincere condolences to the family of Ricky  
Mary J DeRamus*

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**Mary DeRamus** - February 23 at 08:36 PM

CS

“ *Rest in Peace cousin/brother Ricky. You will truly be missed. Sending my condolences to the family*

Cynthia Strickland - February 23 at 04:40 PM

C

“ *RIP Ricky.. Callie Chestnutt Ragland*

Callie Ragland - February 23 at 02:15 PM

J

“ *Bro. Rickey I'm going to TRULY miss you. I don't have anyone to cut up with now. Missing You Already. 🙏😭*

Janis Robinson - February 23 at 12:36 AM

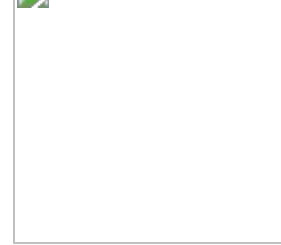
ME

“ *Sending my condolences to the Family He will always be remembered thinking about those School days know matter where he always speak pass by the house are either call out my name Remembering Rickey Paisley May he R.i.p*

Monyette Ervin - February 22 at 09:03 PM



“ *Sending condolences to Rickey's family*

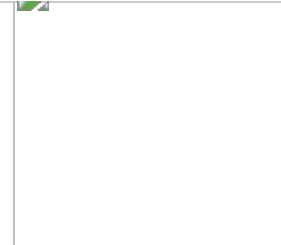


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**Lynette Ross** - February 22 at 05:08 AM



“ *Praying for the Family for comfort and strength right now while you plan for Bro. Rickey Celebration of Life. I remember Him & His family @ Shepherd Road when I attended there. A hard fighting Soldier on the battlefield & a good Servant for the Lord. I used to always cut up with him & he did likewise. Bro. Rickey will be truly missed. 💔*

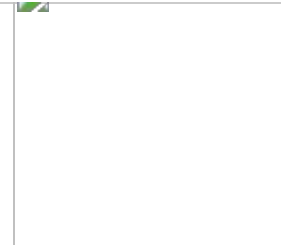


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**Maxie Benton** - February 22 at 04:30 AM

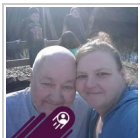


“ *My sincere condolences to Ricky's family! My prayer is that the Lord give you strength during this difficult time.*

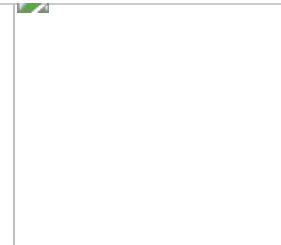


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**Beverly Silva** - February 22 at 04:28 AM



“ *Shara Cronan lit a candle in memory of Rickey Donail Pasley*

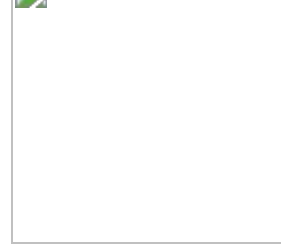


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**Shara Cronan** - February 21 at 10:55 PM



“ *John Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Rickey Donail Pasley*

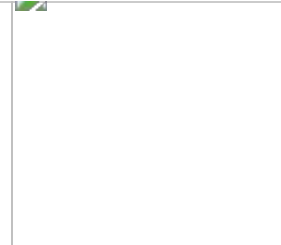


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**John Montgomery** - February 21 at 06:39 PM



“ *Alice Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Rickey Donail Pasley*



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**Alice Montgomery** - February 21 at 03:44 PM



“ *OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.*

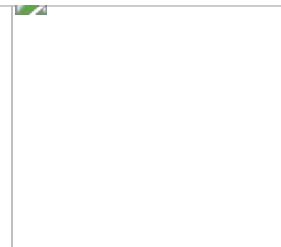
*The KILGORE FAMILY - Dixon Street*

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**Alice Montgomery** - February 21 at 03:44 PM



“ *Will certainly miss Ricky!*



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**Faye J Williams** - February 21 at 12:06 PM



“ *FroggyFaes lit a candle in memory of Rickey Donail Pasley*

FroggyFaes - February 21 at 11:11 AM



“ *Melanie Clemons lit a candle in memory of Rickey Donail Pasley*

Melanie Clemons - February 21 at 02:13 AM



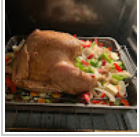
“ *Uncle Rickey used to come over and spend time with us and take me to the store 💖 to buy candy and he was my mimi friend and talk with her and I miss him already 😭😭 I was crying RIP uncle Rickey:by noel and mimi*

Melanie Clemons - February 21 at 02:12 AM



“ *Ivy Strickland lit a candle in memory of Rickey Donail Pasley*

Ivy strickland - February 20 at 10:28 PM



“ I remember Rickey in the Shepherd Community. He was always a “go getter”, and lived a basic life for the most part. My last time seeing him up close and personal was when he and many church members including pastor John Taylor Jr. came to Memorial Hospital and sung hymns and spiritual songs as my mother “Carolyn G. Mathis Clay” was spending her last hours alive on this earth. Rickey was there and I will always remember these moments. Rickey turned his life around and became a better individual before his passing. My sincere condolences to his family on his sudden passing.  
From Ahmad Hassan Hamas Aziz/Robert F. Clay

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**Rob C. (RFC)** - February 20 at 08:34 PM

KJ

*Rest in peace Rickey.. The last time we spoke on the phone, you shared how caring for others was your passion.. You are blessed and have earned your divine wings.. May your family and friends be rest-assured that God does not make mistakes..*

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**Kathy Harris Jones** - March 04 at 06:25 AM