



## Richard ""Ricky"" Wilkins

June 5, 2016

Richard ""Ricky"" Wilkins, 62 of Woodstock passed away Saturday, June 4, 2016 in Winchester. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Ricky was born March 3, 1954 in Woodstock, Virginia. He was the son of the late William Wilkins Jr. and Helen Louise Wilkin. He was a professional musician for 47 years with performances at the Grand Ole Opry, for the troops as part of the Department of Defense during the Persian Gulf War and at the Kennedy Center. He also performed other venues with his wife Amanda. He is survived by his wife, Amanda and 2 daughters, Lillian Grace and Madeline Cavinall Wilkins.

# Tribute Wall

NB

“ To Amanda & the girls & to Ricky's mom: We are so sorry for your loss. We will miss Ricky & his kindness & friendship. Whenever we would come to Woodstock and listen to Ricky and Amanda perform you would always welcome us and treat us like your most special friends. I remember on one occasion Ricky backed me up on a Beatles song requested by Amanda. The song was "Don't let me down". To us Ricky will always be the one who would never let anyone down. Rest in peace our friend and in the words of Bob Dylan "I'll remember you when I've forgotten all the rest." Love to you, Amanda ! Neil & Gail

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**Neil & Gail Brosnan** - June 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Mandy, It's been some time since I have seen you all, but I want you to know that I am saddened to hear of your loss. Ricky put the G in Gentleman, and was just as Good as Good could ever get...In which you certainly know... I recall you coming into his world and the happiness between you two just FILLED THE ROOM!! (Hungry Dog Cafe') I am sure he is being welcomed by most of our friends and family that have passed on before he took road home. I just want you to know that this time will be tough, and that's when the tough get going. All my love to you and your girls & the rest of the Wilkin's family & brotherhood!! Prayers for strength and light are headed your way! God Bless, Darlene

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**Darlene Lineker** - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Amanda I was so saddened to hear Ricky had passed away. Because of the person he was the world is a better place. Your Alls music has brought comfort and smiles to so many. You and the girls are in my every thought and prayers. God Bless you all.

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**Steve Floyd** - June 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Amanda and Daughters: Please accept our condolences on the passing of your beloved husband and father. We hope that you and your girls will take comfort in knowing that Ricky lives in your hearts. Ricky was a bright and shining star in the musical firmament, and his loss diminishes us all. We were privileged to know Ricky and always enjoyed seeing and hearing him play the keys. His decades of experience and dedication to perfection resulted in bravura performances. Ricky was truly one of the most talented "Men of Rock." Bob and Dee

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**Bob and Dee Blair** - June 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to Amanda, Lillian, and Madeline. May they find peace and comfort from their memories. Ricky was a devoted husband, father, and son, as well as an extremely talented musician. He will missed by so many.

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**Jack & Linda** - June 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ The entire Shenandoah community was truly blessed to have had Ricky Wilkins as a true positive influence. I will miss his music, his dry sense of humor, his wit, his sly grin..... He loved his family and music so. My deepest condolences to Amanda, Lilly, and Maddie, and to all family and friends. Prayers and light to all of you for comfort. His passing breaks my heart for you, but you will meet again.

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**Jill Graves** - June 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JI

“ Ricky, the tears come to my eyes like they did when my brother passed away. Ricky was a brother, a friend, a clown, a lover...not a fighter and one of the best people that ever walked on earth. Ricky, glad to have been your friend.

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**John Jenkins III** - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Ricky, husband to my dear cousin Mandy, was always willing to step up at our family reunions. He was one of the guys who would volunteer to 'model' aprons that Mandy's grandmother had made for our annual auction. He made it so much fun! I wish I would have had a chance to get to know him better. He made Mandy happy and gave her 2 beautiful little girls to love. ?? Mandy, we send love, hugs and kisses to you and the girls. I know it will be very hard to press on, but I believe your sweet spirit and strong will, as well as the life memories you shared with Ricky, will give you the strength and courage to continue 'making music' in your life. Love you dearly, Tara and Family

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**Tara Morgan** - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Our world just lost a wonderful gentlemen ! Enjoyed working with him at Shaffers ! Feeling so sad for his family he loved so much .*  
*Juanita Poston*

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**Juanita Poston** - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *Celebrate all that Ricky has provided for those in his life. I remember nothing but good times, positive experiences, and great music. He has provided much joy to all who have known him.*

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**EJ** - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *Amanda, I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my sympathy for your family.*

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**Graham Wiatt** - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *The world became a better place because of Ricky Wilkins. Condolences from the Thomson family.*

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**Paul Thomson** - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *A friend to all he met. Many wonderful conversations and volumes of music will be remembered. Mostly I will remember the great love he had for his family. My condolences to family and friends.*

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**Linda Hudgins** - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *"The road goes on for ever and the party never ends".....rest in peace my friend.....Ricky and I grew up together and had many adventures..*

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**buddy thomas** - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Amanda and girls, I have known Ricky for a long time. His mother was my babysitter. My sympathy go out to you and your family. Thoughts and prayers for you. Ricky was a good man and loved his family.*

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**Pauline Minton** - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Amanda and girls, Sending prayers and hugs. I am glad he is no longer in pain but sorry for your loss. I know he will watch over you from Heaven, Much love, Cindy*

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**Cindy Bryant** - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM