



## Richard Earl LaValla

May 7, 1963 - March 29, 2024

We mourn the loss of Richard Earl LaValla, 60 of Trenton, Georgia. He passed away peacefully Friday March 29, 2024 at his home with his family by his side. He was born in Ilion, May 7, 1963 the son the late Earl and Jenny Sgroi LaValla. Richard was a 1982 graduate of Frankfort Schuyler high school. He joined the United States Navy and served from 9/14/82 to 12/15/87. Rich also was a big part of Dade County 4-H. He taught poultry judging and DPA, along with many other events. He even took them to state out in Oklahoma. Summer camp was the highlight of his time with his kids at Rock Eagle. Along with his wife, he was the owner and operator of Noah's Little Ark.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife Cynthia LaValla, of Trenton, Ga., his brother Joseph and sister in-law Linda of Frankfort: Brother-in-law John Pedone of Frankfort and two sisters-in-law, Mary Ann LaValla of Frankfort and Angela Summers of Trenton, Ga., A special niece Emily Summers (whom he thought as a daughter) as well as many other nieces and nephews. He will also be missed by many of his special friends. Besides his parents Richard is preceded in death by his brothers Anthony and Robert and his sister Mary Pedone of Frankfort, NY. Family and friends are welcome to join us at Riches Memorial Service. It will be held on April 20, 2024, at 1 pm at Grace Community Church, 4355 GA -136 Trenton, GA 30752.

You may sign his online guestbook at [ryanfuneralhome.net](http://ryanfuneralhome.net).

Arrangements are under the care of Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory,  
Trenton, GA

# Cemetery Details

## Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave  
Chattanooga, TN 37404

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

Grace Community Church  
4355 Highway 136  
Trenton, GA 30752

# Tribute Wall

WS

“ I am very sorry for your lose. Rich and I went through boot camp together in Great Lakes Illinois Sept 1982. We did not get stationed together but had good times throughout book camp and he was a funny guy. I do have a photo of him, me and another sailor from boot camp in the barracks. RIP, Wade "Aaron" Schroath

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**Wade Schroath** - December 21, 2025 at 05:18 PM

DM

“ Rich and I were shipmates as well as good friends I will always have the memories of the many ports we visited and the friends that were made until we meet again RIP Dave "Roger " Moore.

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**David Moore** - October 15, 2024 at 10:45 AM

SM

“ Greatest condolences to all. I grew up with Rich just houses away in Frankfort, and he was always a happy and fun going guy. With his leaving with the Navy and my leaving for the Marine Corps the following year, we lost touch. We'll have the memories to carry and cherish. RIP, Steve Manzo

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**Steve Manzo** - June 07, 2024 at 10:36 PM



“ 26 files added to the album LifeTributes



Ryan Funeral Home - April 19, 2024 at 09:23 AM



“ Love, Courtney and Wesley Chance purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Richard Earl LaValla.



Love, Courtney and Wesley Chance - April 18, 2024 at 09:08 PM



“ Melody C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Earl LaValla.

Melody C. - April 15, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“ Joseph D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Earl LaValla.

Joseph D. - April 12, 2024 at 07:00 AM

MC

“ Joy spilled out of Rich. His kindness to my family and especially my children are stored away in wonderful memories. I thank God for the times we shared. Mike & Hilde Croxall

Mike Croxall - April 11, 2024 at 02:21 PM

DM

“ Rich and I served together in the Navy on board the USS AUSTIN LPD4 he was a good friend and fellow shipmate Fair Winds and Following Seas Prayers to your family and friends.

David Moore - April 11, 2024 at 02:15 AM

JE

“ John & Ivonne Herrera Earle purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard Earl LaValla.



John & Ivonne Herrera Earle - April 10, 2024 at 05:40 AM

MW

“ I'm so so sad to hear about Rich. I will always remember his love for animals and how he taught the kids to work with them. The Lord must have needed someone to help with caring for all the little pets in heaven.

monda wooten - April 09, 2024 at 07:38 PM

AS

“ Cindy, I didn't get to meet Rich, but I met you as you came to Omega Harvest each year to share Noah's Ark with our children and adults! What a beautiful concept God gave you both so many years ago. I saw a posting one time when you were both dressed in a Biblical time period, with kids and grownups surrounding the animals and enjoying the atmosphere you created. What a wonderful way to share your faith! I pray God will give you strength and wisdom as you continue in your journey with Him. Anita Silva.

Anita Silva - April 09, 2024 at 11:40 AM

BC

“ I didn't know Richard but am sending Cindy love and light.



Bonnie Cayce - April 09, 2024 at 09:35 AM

LG

“ Praying for you Cindy. I will never forget our baby goats from you. They and their offspring have all passed on but I loved every single one of them. Hugs. 🙏🙏🙏



Lynn Gimm - April 08, 2024 at 11:05 PM

BC

“ Rich was such a kind man I called him my friend. Rest well Rich. Love you Cindy I'm praying for you.

Bonita Collins - April 08, 2024 at 10:00 PM

DM

“ *Rich was always so great with kids, especially with my son Jack! We will all miss you Rich! Our future visits with Cindy and the animals will not be the same without you!*



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**Donna Marranzino** - April 08, 2024 at 07:12 PM

GH

“ *Dear Cyndy, we didn't know your Rich for very long but in that short time we grew to love him and his love for our Lord, His word and the church. He really encouraged us in our faith. Cyndy, we hope to hold you close. We cherish your friendship!!*

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**Gary and Julie Huisman** - April 08, 2024 at 06:37 PM