



## Richard James Westmoreland

June 17, 1988 - September 30, 2025

Richard James Westmoreland, 37, of Chickamauga, Ga. was born in Newport News, Va. on 6/17/88, and passed from this life on Tuesday, 9/30/2025, doing what he loved, flying a hang glider, with one of his best friends, at Lookout Mountain.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Chloe Westmoreland, and Grandfather, James B. Westmoreland.

He is survived by his parents, Wendy Hutchinson, and James (Mandi) Westmoreland, sisters, Amanda (Steve) Halvorson and Brittney (Daniel) Kinstetter; brothers, Ashton Westmoreland, Perry (Elizabeth) Atchley, Nicholas Scott, Cordale Scott, and Ethan Scott; grandparents, Bill and Brenda Hutchinson, along with several aunts, uncles, and cousins and girlfriend Kate Howard of New Zealand. He was a founding member of a group of flyers known as the "Flying Gypsies," and was an advanced Tandem pilot, working in Switzerland for the last three years, but has flown all over the world, including Lookout Mountain Flight Park.

The family would like to acknowledge the special care and hazardous recovery operation undertaken by the Dade County Rescue, along with several other agencies, as well as Memorial EMS, and CHI administrators that were there on site of the recovery, as well as the owner and employees of LMFP.

There will be a memorial for him at Rock Bridge Community Church in Ringgold, on October 11th at 2:00, with visitation from 12:00-2:00. He will be cremated, and his ashes will be scattered all over the world, to reflect his wishes.

Arrangements are by Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory, Trenton, GA.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

OCT 11. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rock Bridge Community Church  
265 Poplar Springs Road  
Ringgold, GA 30736

## A Celebration of Life

OCT 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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265 Poplar Springs Road  
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# Tribute Wall

SF

“ Sandy Williams and Dean Funk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard James Westmoreland.

Sandy Williams and Dean Funk - October 09, 2025 at 01:18 PM

SF

“ Sandy Williams and Dean Funk purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Richard James Westmoreland.



Sandy Williams and Dean Funk - October 09, 2025 at 01:18 PM

JD

“ Jeff & Donna Curry and CBL Legal Dept. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard James Westmoreland.



Jeff & Donna Curry and CBL Legal Dept. - October 06, 2025 at 01:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard James Westmoreland.



October 06, 2025 at 09:59 AM

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“ Debra Hutchinson (Aunt Debbie) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard James Westmoreland.

Debra Hutchinson (Aunt Debbie) - October 06, 2025 at 06:05 AM

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“ Debra Hutchinson (Aunt Debbie) purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Richard James Westmoreland.



Debra Hutchinson (Aunt Debbie) - October 06, 2025 at 06:05 AM

RP

“ My condolences to the family. I am so sorry for you alls loss. You all will be in my prayers.

Renee Price - October 05, 2025 at 04:07 PM

RA

“ Randee A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard James Westmoreland.

Randee A. - October 04, 2025 at 04:16 AM

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“ *Uncle Bill Hutchinson and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard James Westmoreland.*



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**Uncle Bill Hutchinson and family** - October 03, 2025 at 08:35 PM

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“ *Uncle Bill Hutchinson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard James Westmoreland.*

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**Uncle Bill Hutchinson and family** - October 03, 2025 at 08:35 PM