



Richard Dean Asaro

September 10, 1960 - January 26, 2021

“Soon I Shall hear the call from Heaven’s portals, “Come home, My child, it’s the last mile you must trod.” I’ll fall asleep and wake up in God’s new heaven For I’m sheltered in the arms of God” is exactly what Dean Asaro did Tuesday night.

Dean loved God and worshipped him with his wife Anita in their son ministry. A good and faithful servant he is now singing in God’s heavenly choir.

Born to the late Sam and Myrna Asaro, Dean is survived by the love of his life, his wife Anita Miller Asaro, his son, Ricky (Buffy) Asaro, sister, Hope Frye, brothers, Eddie (Debbie) Asaro, Todd Asaro, his step children, Shannon (Clay) Howell and Richie (Jennifer) Nichol.

The joys of his life were his grandchildren, Dani-Jo, Taylor, Aaliyah, Remy, Mason, Marianna, and great granddaughter, Ava. He also loved and cherished his mother-in-law, Mary Miller, his in-laws, Earl and Debra Grooms, Eddie Miller, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Thanks to the many calls, visits, food and fellowship to honor Dean. We love and appreciate you all. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Anita Asaro at PO Box 113, Darlington, SC 29540.

A private service to celebrate Dean’s life was a held on Thursday, January 28, 2021 in the Chapel of Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ I was so stunned to hear about Dean's passing. Condolences to his sweet family. Dean was a dear schoolmate and friend. Me and Jay Bryson double dated with Dean and Melissa Freeman. He was kind and funny and so sweet. He's in that Heavenly choir now with some of my beloved family. We're blessed to have known him.

Susan Sullivan - February 09, 2021 at 08:12 AM

WC

“ I am very sorry for your loss . William Colemam

William Coleman - February 04, 2021 at 08:19 AM



“ Charles Truitt lit a candle in memory of Richard Dean Asaro



Charles Truitt - February 02, 2021 at 11:25 AM

RK

“ It's been almost a week since you left us. I visit your obit multiple times a day. I can't believe you are gone. I wasn't the friend that talked to you everyday. I did pray for you and Anita everyday. I think about you often. I'm going to miss listening to you sing and listening to Burning Bridges Ministry on Thursday. I love ya bud. Rest easy. This is not goodbye but until we see you again.



Rebecca Kelly - February 01, 2021 at 09:35 PM

KW

“ *Karen Willis lit a candle in memory of Richard Dean Asaro*



Karen Willis - February 01, 2021 at 11:17 AM

JT

“ *Sincere love and sympathies to all of Dean's friends and loved ones*



Jean tyner - January 31, 2021 at 10:12 PM

FS

“ *Freddie & Kathy Stanley lit a candle in memory of Richard Dean Asaro*



Freddie & Kathy Stanley - January 31, 2021 at 11:58 AM

NN

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Nancy and Jimmy Nichols - January 29, 2021 at 08:00 PM

PS

“ *Paula Griggs Stork lit a candle in memory of Richard Dean Asaro*



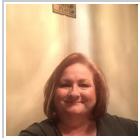
Paula Griggs Stork - January 29, 2021 at 07:55 PM

DL

“ *Deb Davis Lunn lit a candle in memory of Richard Dean Asaro*



Deb Davis Lunn - January 29, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Patricia Gainey Rhodes sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Dean Asaro*



Patricia Gainey Rhodes - January 29, 2021 at 10:26 AM

LB

Thoughts and prayers to you and your family Ms Anita. Sending much love.

Louene Baker - January 29, 2021 at 10:52 AM

DD

“ So sorry to hear this about Dean. He was a kind gentle soul. He was my neighbor whenever he lived in Lamar on our family farm. I pray for his wife and family during this difficult time. May God hold you tight in his loving arms and give you comfort and strength during this difficult journey. We will all miss you Dean but will see you again. God Bless you all.
Darlene Davis & family.

Darlene Davis - January 29, 2021 at 08:47 AM

CS

Prayers for this precious family. I met Dean years ago thru his sweet parents. His Dad always delivered the News & Press paper to be sold at the Piggly Wiggly in Darlington where I worked back in 1966.. He was as sweet as Dean. His Mom always spoke, no matter whose line she went thru to get checked out. Dean had a voice that praised God in every song the group sang ! He will be missed....

Carolyn Lloyd Seitman - January 31, 2021 at 12:19 AM

WW

“ He will surely be missed. I had the pleasure of meeting him years ago. He was a caring, gentle and God loving man. Heaven received a wonderful angel. Anita, I never got to meet you but I knew you had to be a wonderful woman. May God bless you and give you a peace only He can give.

Wanda Wingo - January 29, 2021 at 07:46 AM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Richard Dean Asaro*



Rita Anderson - January 29, 2021 at 12:31 AM

SM

“ *Southern Redeemed Ministries lit a candle in memory of Richard Dean Asaro*



Southern Redeemed Ministries - January 28, 2021 at 10:02 PM

SM

We will miss this great friend..Grady..Kathy..Scott..and Barbara

Southern Redeemed Ministries - January 28, 2021 at 10:03 PM

GO

“ Anita..Todd..and family...I don't even know where to start but I have been deeply honored to have Dean Asaro as a fellow classmate...As well as a friend in Gospel music ministry...I remember the first time I ever met him he had hair and was parted down the middle I think he was playing with the singing Sheppards then ..I said to myself who in the world split his head down the middle?? Can't remember how young I was ...He could flat tear up a piano And boy did he ever make that thing talk Dean had his own style of playing back then..me being a pianist myself I could never figure out why his left hand kept moving from the left to the right..i finally figured that out over the years...Well I Graduated from High school and We all parted ways Never think that I would see him Again

Then I heard that he started his own group after the Singing Sheppards..he journeyed on them he started Monthly Singings and he got me to Emcee for him. So I started and put my Radio Announer skills back to work and started Emceeing...ahter that...i continued managing and Singing with my Group Southern Redeemed Ministries..we deeply fell in love with Dean and Anita..Then my very last Singing with Dean was in Kingstree SC he had our Group as well as The Master's 3 and other groups singing in a 2 day event. for The One Nation under God event ...He has been an inspiration..a friend an encourager

A great classmate a singer who hated ties Just an over all friend Dean Asaro is going to be missed His memory will remain. But with us both attending St John's High school in Darlington back in the 1980s One question remains in my mind

Why come Dean never had a Mohawk haircut like some of the other guys. I could only imagine. Dean...ole classmate ole friend ...fried chicken king...may you rest in peace from a remarkable journey in ministry I have been deeply honored to be a partner along with you in Gospel singing ministry..Anita got the last piece of chicken 🍗

Grady O'Neal - January 28, 2021 at 10:01 PM

FS

“ *Freddie & Kathy Stanley lit a candle in memory of Richard Dean Asaro*



Freddie & Kathy Stanley - January 28, 2021 at 09:41 PM



“ *Tobie Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Richard Dean Asaro*



Tobie Reynolds - January 28, 2021 at 09:31 PM

M3

“ *The Master's 3 of Lugoff has been honored to know such a blessed Gospel singer He will be missed by all who knew him. Heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you Anita..Ricky..Todd and family. Sincerely Ray Carver II..Terry Hinson..CT Rabon..Kyle Mills and Grady ONeal*

Master's 3 - January 28, 2021 at 09:23 PM

EA

“ *Eric Avant lit a candle in memory of Richard Dean Asaro*



Eric Avant - January 28, 2021 at 08:23 PM

DS

“ *David & Gloria Shoemake lit a candle in memory of Richard Dean Asaro*



David & Gloria Shoemake - January 28, 2021 at 08:19 PM

SG

“ *Connie and I are in disbelief, we just bumped into Dean picking up a to go at the Raceway Grill just the other night. We going to be praying for you Anita and the rest of the family.*



shawn garland - January 28, 2021 at 08:08 PM

AF

“ *Come to know Dean few years ago and he always a good friend gonna miss him*

Anne Foster - January 28, 2021 at 07:41 PM

RH

“ *Rev. Burke & Wendy Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Richard Dean Asaro*



Rev. Burke & Wendy Hoffman - January 28, 2021 at 06:27 PM

TW

“ RIP our friend. We will miss you. Prayers.
Thoughts and love to the family.



Tal and Tabby Windham - January 28, 2021 at 03:42 PM

DS

“ ON BEHALF OF THE STURGEON FAMILY
WE SEND OUR DEEPEST LOVE AN
SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY AT THIS
TIME !!!! YES!!!! HE'S SINGING IN THAT
HEAVENLY CHOIR NOW !!!! LORD JESUS
COMFORT NITA AN THE FAMILY. WE LOVE YALL !!!!



David Sturgeon - January 28, 2021 at 03:34 PM

ML

Rest In Peace my friend ❤️ Mae lee

mae lee - January 28, 2021 at 04:57 PM

EJ

I loved Dean and Anita when they came to McColl, SC to sing at our
Church, Dean will be missed by many.

Eula Christine Jackson - January 29, 2021 at 03:50 PM

ED

Anita, you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Charles and Evelyn Dampier

Evelyn Dampier - January 29, 2021 at 11:51 PM