



## Richard Burleson

February 26, 1952 - July 24, 2023

PRINCETON – Richard Eugene Burleson, 71, of Princeton, died Monday, July 24, 2023 following a lingering illness. Born February 26, 1952 in Gastonia, NC, he was the only son of the late Glen Frank Burleson and Eloise Clawson Burleson.

Richard was 1971 graduate of Lord Botetourt High School in Baltimore, Maryland. He had worked in a machine shop, several grocery stores and as a mail order clerk. He spent most of his working life in the Statesville, North Carolina area, where he met and married his wife, the former Drema Lively. Richard enjoyed sports on TV, fried chicken, pizza and seeing people have a good time. He was a devout Christian and was a member of First Baptist Church in Princeton, attending as his health permitted.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, DREAMA Lively Burleson of Princeton; several cousins, including special distant cousin, and former NBA star, Tommy Burleson; and a brother-in-law, Henry Tatum of Tazwell, VA.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, September 23, 2023 at First Baptist Church in Princeton with Pastor Jason Spade, officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 10:30 until the service hour at the church.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **23**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
1116 Mercer Street  
Princeton, WV 24740

## Memorial Service

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