



## Hal Richardson

September 23, 1956 - January 3, 2025

Hal Stephen Richardson, 68, of Hazlehurst, MS passed away January 3, 2025, at his home in Madison, MS after a short battle with re-occurring pancreatic cancer.

Hal was born on September 23, 1956; the only child of Julia Ancaroni Richardson and Henry Propst “Rich” Richardson.

Hal graduated from Copiah Academy and obtained his degree from Mississippi State University in 1978. He married Freida McElhenney in 2002, and together they shared 22 years of love and cherished memories.

He dedicated many years to teaching at Forest Hill high school before retiring. A transition that brought him great joy. Hal collected antique clocks, mechanical watches and fountain pens. He was an authority on men’s fashion. He especially enjoyed curating a booth at Antique Alley, where he sold vintage menswear and collectibles.

He had a lifelong passion for Mississippi State football, a love that began during childhood trips with his parents to bowl games across the country.

Hal had a deep love for history and a great sense of humor. He never met a stranger, always eager to connect with others through conversation. His

kindness and relatability made him easy to be around. Hal was also passionate about his roots and spent a lot of time researching his Alabama heritage on his father's side and his rich Italian heritage on his mother's side.

He was an avid traveler, and over the years, he and Freida made many wonderful memories on numerous trips around the world. Their most recent journey took them to Italy, where they explored Sicily and visited Hal's family in Faenza.

He is preceded in death by his parents and beloved dog, Molly. He is survived by his wife Freida; their dog, Annie, his Son, Robbie Richardson (Jordan); two grandchildren, Leon and Ayla Richardson; his daughter, Laura Munoz (Omar) and his Stepson, Jason McElhenney. He is also survived by his cousin, who he considered a sister, Linda Corra.

A celebration of life will be held, January 8th, at St. Martin Catholic Church, in Hazlehurst, MS at 11:00 AM with a visitation beginning at 10:00 AM. Stringer Family Funeral Services in Hazlehurst is handling arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Hazlehurst Cemetery

Sinclare St.  
Hazlehurst, MS 39083

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Martin Catholic Church  
113 E Conway St  
Hazlehurst, MS 39083  
(601) 892-1717

## Celebration of Life

JAN 8 (CT)

St. Martin Catholic Church - Hazlehurst  
113 E. Conway Street

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ So sorry to hear of Hal’s passing. We were classmates in elementary. He was always a kind person

Cibdy Davis Alsworth - January 17, 2025 at 07:11 PM

DS

“ Deborah Sumerall purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hal Richardson.



Deborah Sumerall - January 07, 2025 at 06:58 PM

LK

“ Lynn Koeltl purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hal Richardson.



Lynn Koeltl - January 07, 2025 at 04:32 PM

LK

“ Lynn Koeltl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hal Richardson.

Lynn Koeltl - January 07, 2025 at 04:32 PM

DR

“ Donna Raymond purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Hal Richardson.



Donna Raymond - January 07, 2025 at 04:09 PM

DB

“ Hal and Freida were such a joy when Roy and I had the opportunity to talk with them. They were lovely, lovely people and he will be greatly missed. My prayers go out to Freida and his entire family.

Douglas Betty - January 07, 2025 at 01:16 PM

CG

So sorry for your loss, Freida. Hal was such a good man. He will certainly be missed. Such a kind couple, ya'll.

Caroline Gaudet - January 26, 2025 at 04:01 PM

AH

“ Ann H. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Hal Richardson.



Ann H. - January 07, 2025 at 11:44 AM

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“ Ann H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hal Richardson.

Ann H. - January 07, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Hal Richardson.*



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January 07, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ *Donna, Jamie, Wade and Amanda and Kids purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Hal Richardson.*



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**Donna, Jamie, Wade and Amanda and Kids** - January 07, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ *He Was A Great Friend And Neighbor*

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**Sue Marx** - January 07, 2025 at 05:49 AM



“ *Rest in peace Hal. It was a honor we could enjoy your company here in Italy.*

*Your Italian family: Sara, Paolo, Celso, Francesco and Giovanni.*

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**Paolo Morini** - January 07, 2025 at 05:42 AM

LF

“ My late husband Jimmy Freeman and Hal enjoyed visiting on our back porch and reminiscing about Hazlehurst . Although Jimmy was much older than Hal , it didn't make a diff difference in their friendship. Hal was especially appreciative of Jimmy being so good to his sweet mother, Mrs. Richardson ❤️ Niw they are together again 😊😊

lynda Freeman - January 06, 2025 at 10:46 PM

RK

“ René Kelly purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Hal Richardson.



René Kelly - January 06, 2025 at 09:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hal Richardson.



January 06, 2025 at 09:40 PM



“ Our Hearts and Our Prayers Go Out To Each Of Ya;ll....John 14...Sharing The Loss

Freddie and Sandra Cliburn  
Montgomery Texas...previously Hazlehurst Mississippi

Sandra Cliburn - January 06, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ *Sandra Cliburn sent a virtual gift in memory of Hal Richardson*



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**Sandra Cliburn** - January 06, 2025 at 02:26 PM



*In Times Passed My Brother/A Classmate of Hal and I Saw Hal Often and Learned To Hold Him In High Esteem ...A Really Good Guy...*

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**Sandra Cliburn** - January 06, 2025 at 02:30 PM