



Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.

December 19, 1942 - January 19, 2023

Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr., 80, of Flagler Beach, Florida formerly of Poulan, died on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at Advent Hospice Care in Florida.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, January 22, 2023, at Banks Funeral Home Chapel, interment will follow in the Poulan Cemetery. Dr. Jason Jones will officiate.

Richard Lee (RL) Futrill Sr., was born on December 19, 1942. He was the oldest child of Richard Primrose and Willie Maude Futrill. RL's mother described him as the best Christmas present ever.

RL married Kelsey Elaine Calhoun on December 18, 1964. He would lovingly call Kelsey his best birthday and Christmas present ever. The couple lived in Worth County most of their lives. They moved to Flagler Beach, Florida after retirement. They began their family with a baby boy, Richard Lee Jr. in 1967. The first daughter, Deirdre Kaye, was born in 1969. Dana Lynnett rounded out the family in 1978.

RL worked at Ford and Chevrolet dealerships before returning to the family business, Futrill Auto Parts. His knowledge of cars and outgoing personality aided in him being a successful business owner to what became the largest salvage yard in Georgia.

He worked hard and also played hard. He enjoyed go-kart racing, stock car racing, hunting, fishing, and playing cards. He enjoyed Rook tournaments with his family over the holidays. He also enjoyed playing card games on his computer. He could often be found with a rubix cube in his hands.

In addition to raising a family and owning a business, RL was involved with his community. Over the years he was affiliated with Jaycees, Lions Club, Poulan Little League Softball and Worth County Pilot Club. He was also involved in several organizations related to his work at Futrill Auto Parts.

Survivors include his wife, Kelsey Futrill; children Richard Futrill, Deirdre (Mike) Reynolds of FL and Dana (Brian) Baker of TX; grandchildren Brooke Dailey, Landon Dailey, Hannah Hardy, Lucas Hardy and Mason Hardy; sisters Jean (Donald) Wingate, Joan Fincher; brothers Roger (Barbara) Futrill, Jack (Marla) Futrill and a host of nieces and nephews.

He also had a wonderful Caregiver Evelyn Granados.

In addition to his parents, RL, was preceded in death by his sister, Faye Leggett and his brother, Wayne Futrill. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Banks Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to the Second Wind Dreams Organization at <https://www.secondwind.org/donate.html>

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Poulan Cemetery

275 East Church Street
Poulan, GA 31781

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home
PO Box 550
210 N. Main Street
Sylvester, GA 31791
(229) 776-2055
banksfh@yahoo.com
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

Funeral Service

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Burial

JAN **22** (ET)

Poulan Cemetery
275 East Church Street
Poulan, GA 31781

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Dee and Kelsey I'm so sorry to hear about RL. It's always so hard to loss a loved one especially when it's someone you have been so close to Dee. We where not able to be here in body but our prayers and thoughts were with each of you. Kelsey our prayers are for peace and comfort be with you. He is now your guardian angel. Our love*

Jerry and Bess Meeks - February 03, 2023 at 11:40 PM



“ *Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM

SM

“ *I am so sorry to see this. Charles and I always saw him at Ed's. He never failed to stop and talk to us. Him and Charles are in Heaven talking now. Praying for the family.*



Sandy McCarty - January 23, 2023 at 10:25 PM

CS

“ *Cindy L Spence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.*



Cindy L Spence - January 23, 2023 at 10:28 AM

JS

“ Kelsey and family, we are so sorry about your loss of R.L. He was a friend to everyone. He is at peace, and we pray that God will comfort each one of you. We saw R.L. and all of you at Ed's. We send our love and prayers

Judy&Mack Sutton - January 22, 2023 at 10:17 PM



“ Angele Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.



Angele Kennedy - January 22, 2023 at 12:29 PM

JM

“ Jennifer Mcleod lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.



jennifer mcleod - January 21, 2023 at 08:48 PM

KB

“ Richard Lee Futrill Jr. So sorry for the loss of your dad.

Kyle&kayla Bryan

Kyle&Kayla Bryan - January 21, 2023 at 05:59 PM

GF

Rip cousin

Gene franklin - January 21, 2023 at 06:47 PM



Richard Futrill

Thank you kyle and kayla

Richard Futrill - January 22, 2023 at 06:28 PM

SJ

“ Sandra A Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.



Sandra A Jones - January 21, 2023 at 04:31 PM

VA

“ Virginia Andrews sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.



Virginia Andrews - January 21, 2023 at 02:33 PM

SG

“ Shelia Giles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.



Shelia Giles - January 20, 2023 at 10:42 PM

WR

“ *Kelsey and family, we are so sorry for your loss of R L. We always thought the world of him. He was always so kind and interesting to talk to. May God fill the emptiness in you hearts with His love.*
Wesley and Marilyn Reynolds

Wesley and Marilyn Reynolds - January 20, 2023 at 10:10 PM

DD

“ *My sincerest condolences for R. L.'s loved ones.*



Dianne Driver - January 20, 2023 at 09:11 PM

PR

“ *Pam Raby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.*



Pam Raby - January 20, 2023 at 06:42 PM

PL

“ *So sorry to hear about RL. Praying for your family.*



Penny and Robert Lowe - January 20, 2023 at 02:18 PM

VP

“ Vicki & Craig Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.



Vicki & Craig Powell - January 20, 2023 at 12:47 PM

CJ

“ Cindy Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.



Cindy Jones - January 20, 2023 at 12:10 PM

CB

“ Such a good friend to Cody and Carolyn Booth. We had lots of fun together. Especially with him flying the plane over the butter bean patch. Scaring me to death. He had a huge laugh about that.



Carolyn Booth - January 20, 2023 at 11:32 AM

BL

So sorry for you and your family's great loss Kelsey. Prayers for comfort and strength today and in the days ahead in the mighty name of Jesus Amen.

Betty Lister - January 20, 2023 at 03:41 PM

DR

I know that Dad would always say that Cody Booth was his best friend, Thanks it warms my heart to see this

Deirdre Reynolds - January 20, 2023 at 03:49 PM

DR

Kelsey says thanks so much

Deirdre Reynolds - January 20, 2023 at 03:51 PM

HW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our prayers and deepest sympathies to the family.* ”

Hubert and Barbara Wood - January 20, 2023 at 10:53 AM

VP

Soo sorry for your loss 😭 sending love and prayers for the family ❤️
🙏❤️

Vicki & Craig Powell - January 20, 2023 at 12:48 PM

GM

“ *Gene And Charlotte Marchant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.* ”



Gene and Charlotte Marchant - January 20, 2023 at 10:52 AM

KG

“ *Kathy Goodman Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.* ”



Kathy Goodman Griffin - January 20, 2023 at 10:09 AM

MK

“ *Martha Katz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.*



Martha katz - January 20, 2023 at 09:21 AM

DM

“ *Diane Hathcock McLeod lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.*



Diane Hathcock McLeod - January 20, 2023 at 08:24 AM

MF

“ *Mary Jane Fraley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.*



Mary Jane Fraley - January 20, 2023 at 08:23 AM

DK

“ *Saddened to hear about R L! He was always smiling and friendly. Unfortunately, Alzheimer's robbed him of many joys these last few years ! Prayers for Kelsey and all the family as you go through the coming days and weeks 🙏*

Donna King - January 20, 2023 at 07:33 AM

BD

“ *Bennie Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.*



Bennie Davis - January 20, 2023 at 06:47 AM

AM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Dee. Despite how hard one tries, there are never words to ease the pain of losing a loved one. I've watched you care for your parents for many years, advocating for them, sacrificing for them and giving them all of you. Reading about his life reveals how wonderful he was to everyone and how much he's loved. May you find comfort in your memories of him and keep them close.*



What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.

~Helen Keller~

Amy - January 20, 2023 at 06:05 AM

DR

Thank you so much Amy- He was just the best Dad, lovingly combed my hair when I was little and would use the no more tears spray- then I would get to cuddle up there with him. When I got scared at night I learned go to Daddy's side he will pick you up put you in the middle, mama would pick you up and take you back to your room LOL

Deirdre Reynolds - January 20, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Tony Senkbeil lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.*



Tony Senkbeil - January 20, 2023 at 05:10 AM

RJ

“ *Ruby Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.*



Ruby Jones - January 20, 2023 at 04:26 AM

CH

“ *To my dear friend Dee...My heart goes out to you for the loss of your Dad. Your devotion and compassion you have relentlessly provided during the past years is a testimony of true commitment. May you be blessed for the endless dedication to your parents and family during the past years! Thank you for sharing your journey through his illness as it will definitely give insight to others. Prayers for peace and comfort during this time!*

Chris - January 19, 2023 at 10:27 PM

DR

Thank you Alzheimer's sucks, I wanted for it to be easy for Daddy, I studied Reach Caregiver class, Virtual Dementia Tour, the Best Meds, the best techniques. He was still happy him and I know it's because I helped his world become smaller, simpler and easy, no tension, no worries only Peace and good times. I love that Hospice said, they could tell he was well cared for. Blessed, it was all worth it

Deirdre Reynolds - January 19, 2023 at 10:39 PM

TL

“ We’re so sorry for your loss. We loved RL very much and will always have such fond memories of him and crazy shenanigans our daddy’s did together. Our prayers are with you all during this sad time.



Tammy & Jeff Lawhorn - January 19, 2023 at 09:04 PM

DR

Thank you so much we love you guys too

Deirdre Reynolds - January 19, 2023 at 10:01 PM

KD

“ So sorry for your loss Deidre, will be praying for you & your family in the days to come.



Kelly & Mandy Dix - January 19, 2023 at 08:53 PM

DR

Thank you so very much it means a lot to us he was a wonderful father

Deirdre Reynolds - January 19, 2023 at 10:02 PM

EG

“ The loss of a great person like you is something that never be recovered. You have always be an essential part of my career life. Now you are gone. I pray for your departed soul.



Evelin Granados - January 19, 2023 at 08:52 PM

DR

Evelin you are so good! you were always so sweet to him calling him sweetie, Mr. President we love you

Deirdre Reynolds - January 19, 2023 at 10:04 PM

AW

“ *Alex Ferguson Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.*



Alex Ferguson Williams - January 19, 2023 at 08:31 PM

DR

Thank you so much

Deirdre Reynolds - January 19, 2023 at 10:05 PM



“ *Missy Faulk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.*



Missy Faulk - January 19, 2023 at 08:18 PM

DR

Thank you so much!

Deirdre Reynolds - January 19, 2023 at 10:06 PM

SW

“ I have such fond memories of your dad while we were growing up. He was always joking around and would be such a trickster! I am so glad you were able to get him out of GA for a little while and make some wonderful memories the last few years. You have taken such good care of him and he is looking down on you with so much pride! My thoughts and prayers will be with you all! Give your mom a hug from me!

Sonya Wade - January 19, 2023 at 08:02 PM

DR

Well Georgia will always be home, but the circumstance was a necessary and boy did we have fun, A small simple house. Close to the Beach, I was close, nobody knocking on the door for money or parts. He was so very comfortable here

Deirdre Reynolds - January 19, 2023 at 10:10 PM

BA

“ Bill Acord lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.



bill Acord - January 19, 2023 at 07:47 PM

DR

Thank you You have been a card writing blessing

Deirdre Reynolds - January 19, 2023 at 10:40 PM

DR

Thank you Mr Bill

Deirdre Reynolds - January 19, 2023 at 10:41 PM

LJ

“ Lori Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.



Lori Johnson - January 19, 2023 at 07:35 PM

DR

Thanks for the cards Lori! Thanks for caring and being such a good niece

Deirdre Reynolds - January 19, 2023 at 10:42 PM

TH

“ Sorry for your loss. He will be remembered by everyone in Worth Co. Praying for you all. 🙏
🙏



Tami Jo Harris - January 19, 2023 at 07:30 PM

DR

He was a Legend, thank you

Deirdre Reynolds - January 19, 2023 at 10:43 PM

KM

“ Karen McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.



Karen McDonald - January 19, 2023 at 07:13 PM

DR

Thank you so much

Deirdre Reynolds - January 19, 2023 at 10:43 PM

JG

“ *Jennifer Gay lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.*



Jennifer Gay - January 19, 2023 at 06:43 PM

JG

I WAS BLESSED TO KNOW R.L. FOR OVER 40 YEARS. I FOUND HIM TO BE ONE OF THE HARDEST WORKING, BEST PEOPLE I'VE EVER KNOWN. R.L. WAS THE ULTIMATE FATHER TO HIS CHILDREN, AND THE ULTIMATE HUSBAND TO HIS WIFE , AND THE ULTIMATE BROTHER TO HIS ENTIRE FAMILY. HE WAS WILLING TO HELP NON-FAMILY MEMBERS ALSO, JUST BECAUSE THEY NEEDED HELP. I NEVER SAW R.L.'S SUPERHERO CAPE, BUT I KNOW THERE WAS AN INVISIBLE CAPE THERE, SOMEWHERE, BECAUSE HE CAME THROUGH FOR ME AND SO MANY OTHER PEOPLE WHEN PEOPLE HAD VEHICLE TROUBLE OVER, AND OVER AGAIN. ACTUALLY HE RESCUED LOTS OF PEOPLE THAT HAD VEHICLE ACCIDENTS AND JUST VEHICLE TROUBLE FOR MANY DECADES. HE KNEW HOW TO FIX OR WORK ON ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING. I OFTEN TOLD HIM I ENVIED HIS KNOWLEGE OF HOW TO FIX EVERYTHING. HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST EASY GOING, PATIENT PEOPLE I'VE EVER KNOWN. I AM WONDERING WHAT PEOPLE ARE GONNA' DO WITHOUT HIM, AS SO MANY PEOPLE COUNTED ON CALLING HIM WHEN THEY NEEDED HELP WITH THEIR VEHICLE OR JUST NEEDED ADVICE ON HOW TO HANDLE THINGS...AS HIS ADVICE WAS ALWAYS THE ULTIMATE ADVICE.

Jennifer Gay - January 19, 2023 at 07:08 PM

CY

“ Carol York lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.



Carol York - January 19, 2023 at 06:18 PM

AA

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of your dad, Deirdre. He was so sweet and kind. I know he was so proud of you. You have been the best daughter and caregiver to him. I pray for peace and comfort for you, your mom, and family.

Angie Dixon Amy - January 19, 2023 at 05:29 PM

DR

Thank you so much, he was a wonderful Father

Deirdre Reynolds - January 19, 2023 at 10:44 PM

MW

“ Prayers!!!!

MaryAnn Welch - January 19, 2023 at 05:24 PM

LA

“ He was a great man and grandpa. He'd give anybody a hand if they needed it. Life to him always seemed about being around friends and family and cutting up. I know he's moved on to a better place and has a lot of friends and family waiting for him.

Landon - January 19, 2023 at 04:46 PM

DR

He loved you Landon, He was a good grandpa and you guys have great memories

Deirdre Reynolds - January 19, 2023 at 10:46 PM

BL

“ Do sorry for your loss.



Bambi Lawson - January 19, 2023 at 04:40 PM

SW

“ Sandra Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.



Sandra Watson - January 19, 2023 at 04:35 PM

DR

Oh thank you so much, he thought the world of you guys, glad you got to see him this year

Deirdre Reynolds - January 20, 2023 at 10:51 AM

EC

“ Kelsie, Dana and the rest of the family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. So sorry to hear about R.L. God bless you all.



Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry - January 19, 2023 at 04:19 PM

MG

“ I HONOR the Memory of Richard "R.L." Lee Futrill. He was a genuinely good and kind and caring man. He was the oldest child of the Family, and he had to stay out of school a lot and work with his father. His father's health was failing him fast and he passed away in his 40's.

R. L. rose to the occasion when his father died and worked and provided for his mother and his brothers and sisters.

R.L. adored his Family, and Kelsey was as he would say" "The Love of my life."

He and his son, Richard, who was named for him always had an extremely close father and son Bond. They worked side by side throughout all of the years. Many children can only live to dream of that kind of father and son Bond.

R.L. was a big part of the starting of NASCAR, and he had friends all over the United States.

Dear Family, you are in my prayers.

Most sincerely,

*Marsha Carol Watson Gandy
Worth County High School Class of 1963*

Marsha Carol Watson Gandy - January 19, 2023 at 03:49 PM

MG

The "Light" in R.L. will Always shine ever Bright for All of us who knew him. He lives on in our hearts.

Most sincerely,

Marsha Carol Watson Gandy

Marsha Carol Watson Gandy - February 06, 2023 at 06:18 AM

JC

“ June Coker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.



June Coker - January 19, 2023 at 03:35 PM

CB

“ SAD to here this ❤️🙏



Charles & Gale Booth - January 19, 2023 at 03:24 PM

VM

“ VaLenia Milling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.



VaLenia Milling - January 19, 2023 at 03:10 PM

JC

“ Joann Dove Chambless lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Lee "RL" Futrill Sr.



Joann Dove Chambless - January 19, 2023 at 02:30 PM