



Richard Daniel Paré

November 26, 1942 - January 7, 2026

Richard Daniel Paré, 83, passed away peacefully on January 7, 2026. He was born on November 26, 1942, in Lawrence, Massachusetts, the fourth son of Alfred and Yvonne (Valliere) Paré.

Richard grew up in New Britain, Connecticut, where he distinguished himself as a standout athlete in multiple sports. His dedication and talent earned him a four-year football scholarship to Morehead State University, where he graduated with student-athlete honors. He went on to receive a scholarship to the University of Tennessee, earning a Master of Science degree, and later completed a Master of Arts degree at Xavier University. Education became his life's calling, and Richard devoted 45 years as a science teacher in Lebanon, Ohio, shaping generations of young minds.

Beyond the classroom, Richard made a profound impact through athletics. He was a respected and highly successful high school football coach whose influence extended far beyond wins and losses, leaving a lasting mark on countless young men. He also spent innumerable hours in the passenger seat of the driver's education car, patiently teaching hundreds of teenagers how to safely navigate the road. Another of his great passions was wrestling—first as a coach and later as an official—traveling throughout Southwestern Ohio. His commitment to the sport was ultimately recognized with his induction into the Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Donald Paré; and his sisters-in-law, Jenny and Carol. He is survived by his beloved partner,

Jean Leake of Louisville, Kentucky, and her children Darla, Scott, and Terri; his sons, Patrick (Stephanie) Paré and Christopher (Julie) Paré, and their mother, Mary Alice Jaynes; and his cherished grandchildren, Joshua (Miranda), Jackson, Hayden, and Griffin Paré. He also leaves behind two great-grandchildren, Carsen and Paisley. Richard is further survived by his brothers, Larry (Rhella) Paré and Lenny Paré.

Also honoring the memory of their Uncle Richie are his nieces and nephews Pam, Tommy, Mathew, Susan, Christine, Michael, Michelle, and Annie, along with their spouses and many children.

Richard will be remembered as a devoted educator, mentor, coach, and family man whose positivity, discipline, and enthusiasm enriched the lives of all who knew him. He had a heart of gold.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Thursday, January 15, 2026, followed by a 1:00 p.m. funeral service at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway.

Burial will be at 4:00 p.m. (EST) at Aberdeen Baptist Church Cemetery, Morgantown, KY.

Cemetery Details

Aberdeen Baptist Church Cemetery

186 Leonard Rd.
Morgantown , KY 42261

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Burial

JAN 15. 4:00 PM (ET)

Aberdeen Baptist Church Cemetery
186 Leonard Rd.
Morgantown
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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Daniel Paré.*



January 14 at 12:23 PM



“ *Michael Bergman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Daniel Paré.*

Michael Bergman - January 14 at 12:23 PM



“ *Mike Sheri Ann Howard Lincoln Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Daniel Paré.*

Mike Sheri Ann Howard Lincoln Anderson - January 13 at 05:15 PM



“ *Mike Sheri Ann Howard Lincoln Anderson purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Richard Daniel Paré.*



Mike Sheri Ann Howard Lincoln Anderson - January 13 at 05:15 PM

MH

“ It was an honor and privilege to teach and coach with Rich. His energy and passion was contagious, as he made students, players, fellow teachers as well coaches better with his positive vibe and intensity! Thoughts and prayers go out to Pat, Chris AND All family members As Well as loved ones ❤️🙏💕



Matt Higgins - January 12 at 10:05 AM

YE

“ Your Friends at Warren County ESC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Daniel Paré.

Your Friends at Warren County ESC - January 12 at 08:04 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Richard Daniel Paré.



January 12 at 08:04 AM

KY

“ Sending prayers to his family. Remembering him through our high school days playing football. Great guy.
John and Kathie Yuskis

Kathleen K Yuskis - January 10 at 11:11 AM

HH

“ A great man who touched the lives of so many. Rich was funny and smart and entertaining, as well as encouraging. His legacy will continue through those lives.

Heather Hall - January 09 at 04:59 PM

HH

“ Heather H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Daniel Paré.

Heather H. - January 09 at 04:50 PM

BA

“ I had his son as a principal at the Warren county alternative school and Mr. Preece senior would come in there all the time. Always. Such a nice man was so proud of his son and never heard a bad thing about him. It's funny. I always remember his coffee breath. Prayers to the Pare' family.

Bradley adkins - January 09 at 04:38 PM

RS

“ Rita Spring purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard Daniel Paré.



Rita Spring - January 09 at 03:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Daniel Paré.



January 09 at 01:03 PM



“ Manisay & Jerry Gabbard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Daniel Paré.

Manisay & Jerry Gabbard - January 09 at 01:03 PM



“ The Prince Gas Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Daniel Paré.

The Prince Gas Family - January 09 at 10:01 AM



“ The Prince Gas Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard Daniel Paré.



The Prince Gas Family - January 09 at 10:01 AM



“ *LEGEND..... HE WAS A COACH A MENTOR AND A FRIEND.... HE ALWAYS SUPPORTED ME MY WHOLE CAREER.... EVEN POSTED MANY OF MY VIDEOS ON HIS HOMEPAGE ON FACEBOOK.*

*SUCH A GOOD MAN..... HE WAS TRULY A LEADER OF MEN.... I WILL MISS HIS FRIENDSHIP AND I WILL MISS HIS LEADERSHIP..... I ABSOLUTELY LOVED HIM.... IT BROKE MY HEART WHEN I HEARD THE NEWS..., I MAKE VIDEOS SO I SPENT ABOUT 4 HOURS CRYING MAKING ONE FOR HIM..... I KNOW HE WOULD LOVE IT..... TO HIS CHILDREN YOUR FATHER WAS A GREAT MAN,... HIS LEGACY WILL LIVE ON.... HE TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES AND I AM ONE OF THEM..... IT WAS AN HONOR TO HAVE A PART..... IN HIS STORY..... REST IN HEAVEN MY FRIEND UNTIL WE SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.... 🙏
💪🦁... HEART OF A LION...*

Jason Richardson - January 08 at 07:16 PM

BL

“ *Bev Harlow Leake planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Daniel Paré.*

Bev Harlow Leake - January 08 at 07:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Daniel Paré.*



January 08 at 07:07 PM

BF

“ *RIP Richard. We had good times in Golf Lakes for 5 years with pickleball, golf, dancing, games with friends. Watching you enjoy your first trip out of the US to Norway was a pleasure. Condolences to your sons, brothers and your large extended family.* ”



Bonnie Frye - January 08 at 06:51 PM

KH

“ *Mr. Pare one of my favorite teachers. So funny. Very sorry and will lift you all up in prayers 🙏* ”



Kristi Henry - January 08 at 06:42 PM

JE

“ *Mr. Pare was my favorite teacher of all teachers. Prayers for his family* ”



Jenny - January 08 at 04:51 PM

LF

“ *Lawrence and Rhella Pare and our Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Daniel Paré.*



Lawrence and Rhella Pare and our Family - January 08 at 03:51 PM

PS

“ *I am one of the many high school students he had he kept me in high school and then later in life I consider him a friend he will be missed thoughts and prayers for the family Patti Barnett Smith from Lebanon Ohio RIP*

Patti Barnett Smith - January 08 at 03:21 PM



“ *Uncle Ritchie you will always hold a special place in my heart. I will never forget your love and support. You followed my kids journey throughout high school and college. I am so happy we got to spend time with you in Louisville last year. You being there for Lexi front and center will always be in my heart. You were a proud Great Great Uncle. I will miss our talks and all your facebook love. Love you Uncle Ritchie!!!*

Jessica Castilleja - January 08 at 03:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Daniel Paré.*



January 08 at 02:53 PM

MR

“ *Uncle Ritchie will forever be in our most precious memories. Growing up he would come visit and speak to us in his Donald Duck voice always bringing a smile to our faces. He would play endlessly with us as children and sit and have the best discussions as adults. We shared the love of pancakes and syrup (who doesn't) and the game of football. You're an angel now looking down on us all, keep us safe until we meet again. Love you Uncle Ritchie!*

Michelle Roper - January 08 at 01:36 PM