



## Richard E. Peden Jr.

February 11, 1950 - February 9, 2022

Richard E. Peden Jr., age 71, of Kingston, TN died Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at the University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville, TN. Richard was born on February 11, 1950 in Oil City, Pennsylvania. He was the son of the late Richard E. Peden Sr. and Annette Riseley Peden. He was a 1968 graduate of Roane County High School and a 1972 graduate of Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. Richard was talented in many areas and worked in a variety of vocations including teaching, working with his dad in heating and air conditioning, and at all three Oak Ridge plants in a variety of capacities. His greatest joy came from serving in his church, Young's Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder, sang in the choir, coordinated the sound system and live stream for all services, and assisted in maintaining the church facility. He especially enjoyed serving on several mission teams throughout the United States and Mexico. Richard was a talented musician with a beautiful tenor voice. He also played French horn in high school and in college. He shared his love for music with others by supporting and assisting many musicians, preparing audition tapes, and encouraging their musical careers. He loved the Roane County High School Band and enjoyed taping and preparing musical CD's of performances for Zack Williamson and other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Robert J. Peden.

He is survived by daughters Laura Peden Fisher (Roy), of Kingston and Jessica Peden DeWeese (Heath), of Huntsville, Alabama; three grandchildren, Sydney Fisher, Bella DeWeese, Evan DeWeese; four sisters, Barbara Dry (Eddie) of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Caryl Griffin Russell (Rick) of Ten Mile, Tennessee, Jeanne Nolan of Kingston, Tennessee, Patricia Walden of Knoxville, Tennessee and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 13, 2022 at Kingston United Methodist Church. A celebration of Richard's life will be held at 3:00 p.m. with Reverend Dale Watson and Reverend Sue Lynn Johnson officiating.

Interment of ashes at Kingston United Methodist Church will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Young's Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 1705 Lawnville Road, Kingston, TN 37763 or to Roane County High School Band 540 Cumberland Street, Kingston, TN 37763. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Peden Family. [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kingston United Methodist Church  
212 W. Chruch Street  
Kingston, TN

## Celebration of Life

FEB 13. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to the Peden family. I'm not sure any of you will even see this, but I was looking for another obituary and came across this familiar name. Richard was such a wonderful son and it was a pleasure to get to serve as his mother's nurse for a short time while she was at Nhc in 2012. He took the time to set her tv up to showcase a slideshow of nature photographs he had taken. He was always kind and appreciative. After her stay he went out of his way to give me a certificate of appreciation and a beautiful bouquet of flowers. I still have the certificate and appreciate the impact he had on my life as a young nurse!*

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**Noel Griffis** - February 21, 2022 at 11:06 AM

SB

“ *My sincere condolences. I was in Richard's class in elementary school. Such a sweet fellow! May your memories sustain you.*  
*Susan Browning Brown*

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**Susan Brown** - February 12, 2022 at 02:12 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard E. Peden Jr..*



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February 12, 2022 at 12:55 PM

KC

“ I worked with Richard at The Plant Lab at Y-12. We sang together at a retirement party, and it was so much fun. He sang a solo that day of "All My Exes Live in Texas." It was GREAT! Peace to his memory.

Kathleen Cole - February 12, 2022 at 08:06 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard E. Peden Jr..



February 11, 2022 at 09:58 PM

PN

“ Sincerest sympathies to the family. He was my first foster parent when I went into foster care. Prayers for your family.

Patricia (Harbin) Nichols - February 11, 2022 at 09:12 PM

LR

“ So sorry, Lisa and Al Roach. Mary Ferguson's niece and husband. From Shannondale .

Lisa Roach - February 11, 2022 at 04:12 PM