



Richard Bidelman

December 21, 1947 - April 29, 2026

Richard Lee Bidelman, beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, and proud American, passed away on April 29th, 2026, at the age of 78.

Born on December 21, 1947, in East Cleveland, he lived a life marked by service, strength, and an unwavering commitment to his family.

He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam era, answering the call with courage and humility.

To those who knew him best, he was "Pops," and to his grandchildren, he was "Boompa." He was the kind of man who showed you how to live by the way he lived. Teaching his sons how to fix what was broken, push through adversity, and keep going when life got hard, and most importantly, how to be Christian men, fathers, and husbands. If you ever had him in your corner, you knew you were cared for, protected, and loved.

His faith in Jesus wasn't just something he believed. It was something he lived out daily. He set the tone for his family, shaping generations through his daily examples, his values, and the way he loved and led.

He had a deep love for baseball and spent years coaching his sons, pouring into not only them but countless other young men along the way. His impact reached far beyond his own family, leaving a lasting impression on everyone he coached and mentored. Growing up, there was always baseball or John Wayne playing in the background. If a movie had a soundtrack worth remembering, it was in the car. If you were lucky enough, you got to pick something from his worn leather binder filled with tapes and CDs. Those

moments weren't just part of childhood, they were part of who he was, and precious memories that will never be forgotten.

He had a gift for humor and timing, always ready with a well delivered joke and a familiar "hey bud" when you needed it most. He was a father who wasn't afraid to step in as a referee, judge, and jury when needed, but always out of love. He fought for his country, and he fought for his family every single day.

He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Donna Bidelman; his sister, Judy Evans; his sons, David, Rick, Matt, Jake, and Nate; his grandchildren, Tyler, Logan, Caroline, Charley, and Nora. Also, his daughter in laws Becky, Abigail, and Samantha. His legacy lives on through each of them.

Rick has gone home to be with Jesus. While his family feels the weight of his absence, they find peace in knowing his time here has ended and his new life has just begun.

A service to honor and celebrate his life will be held at Stonebriar Community Church on May 27th, 4 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you spend time with those you love, pick up the phone, and say what matters.

Arrangements are under the direction of Devon Calverley and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 27. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stonebriar Community Church
4801 Legendary Dr
Frisco, TX 75034

Tribute Wall

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“ You will be missed by many Rick Bidelman. Thank you for your service, you can rest now. It was good getting to know you through the years your wife has been with our work family. Your family will watch over Donna now and we also have her covered until you are together again one day.



TAMMY LONG - May 22 at 10:16 PM

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“ Rick Bidelman loved kids! All kids! One of mine was the recipient of that love! So special! Hard to find a man like Rick, today. Valerie and I are going out of the country and will not be back until June 4th. We hate we'll miss Rick's service. I truly hope it is a celebration, as it should be!

Steve Carey - May 22 at 12:35 AM

PM

“ I loved the times I spent coaching baseball with Rick. A man of great integrity and knowledge. A man of very quick wit he reminded me of my Dad in that regard. Prayers and blessings to you Donna and your boys. He will be missed !!! Rest peacefully with Jesus big guy ! See you some day again.

Paul Martin - May 20 at 07:11 PM

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“ As go through the pictures of him with the boys. He was the dad they needed. I miss you every minute of my day! ❤️ Donna

Donna Bidelman - May 14 at 11:28 PM