



## Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser

December 15, 1959 - October 31, 2020

On the afternoon of October 31, 2020, Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser of Albany passed away at the age of 60.

Rich was born in Point Pleasant, New Jersey, the third child of James and the late Marilyn Kaiser. He graduated from Toms River North High School in Toms River, New Jersey, where he still holds the school record for Springboard Diving. After recovering from breaking his neck in 1977 during his senior year of high school, Rich attended Brick Computer School to obtain gainful employment in the computer science field. He held several computer technician positions in Washington, D.C., working at many Federal Government agency buildings repairing reel-to-reel tape drives in the computer rooms. He was promoted and relocated to the Denver, Colorado area for about a decade, and then moved to Durham, North Carolina. After meeting his future spouse, Robin, they co-founded SoftDev Incorporated, an emerging technology firm performing services for the Federal Government. He served as a board member and as Executive Vice President for 21 years. In May 2003, he and Robin married, sealing their love and partnership in life and business.

To everyone he met, Rich left an undeniable impression because of his outpouring of humor, keen intelligence, his laugh, and his smile. To any challenge, whether it was fully recovering from a broken neck, learning how to fix computers or develop software, repairing electronics and machinery, or restoring old houses, he was a natural at learning how to do something he

had never done before.

Rich was a brilliant, generous, and loving husband, father, grandfather, son, and business leader. He was so proud of all his children and loved each of their personalities and talents. He and his wife, Robin, had an instant connection and selfless love for more than 22 years of their life together. He was preceded in death by his mother, Marilyn Kaiser. He is survived by his loving wife, Robin Varner Kaiser of Albany; his father, James Kaiser of Old Bridge, New Jersey; five sons, Richard (Heather) Kaiser of San Antonio, Texas, Eric Kaiser of Thornton, Colorado, Daniel (Kimberly) Kaiser of Selma, North Carolina, Kevin Kaiser of Durham, North Carolina, and Robert Kaiser of Albany, Georgia; brothers James (Cindy) Kaiser of Siesta Key, Florida, and William Kaiser of Old Bridge, New Jersey; six grandchildren, Addy, Noah, Alex, Savannah, Simon, and Abby; loving in-laws, Deborah Varner of Albany, Bob and Rita Varner of Cordele, Whitney and Joe Miller of Albany, and Paige and Jacob Benton of Bothell, Washington; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

The family will receive family and friends on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Home, followed by a graveside service at Crown Hill Cemetery at 11:00 AM. Pastor Jamie Lavender will officiate.

To share your thoughts with the Kaiser family, you may visit our website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Graveside Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery  
1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Robin, My memory of Rich goes back to the 1970s as his high school diving coach. When Rich came on the diving scene in the infant stages of the sport in Ocean County NJ, he showed everyone what was possible. Rich was a natural at diving, but he didn't rest on his laurels, he worked hard and took my coaching to heart. He was spectacular, and the fact that he still holds the 1 meter diving record at TRHSN is testament to that. He was one of those athletes every coach wished he had a whole team of. Though I have not seen Rich in 42 years, I will miss him. I will be thinking of you and your family. My condolences.*

*Fred Moramarco*

Fred Moramarco - November 05, 2020 at 09:25 AM

LP

“ Lamar Potts sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser



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**Lamar Potts** - November 03, 2020 at 10:07 PM

JH

“ Robin and family, and SoftDev colleagues, I am very sorry for your loss. I'm sending thoughts of peace and courage your way. I hope you find strength and comfort in knowing that Rich's legacy carries on through each of you. God bless!

*Jackie Hossler*

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**Jackie Hossler** - November 03, 2020 at 09:16 PM

PT

“ Robin I'm glad I got to meet him years back. Such a Loving person. My Heart goes out to You & Robert. May the Peace of God be with u Both. Especially in the Days & weeks to come. Love From your Cousin Pam

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**Pamela Connell Torrence** - November 03, 2020 at 05:14 PM

FF

“ Florida Hendricks and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser.



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**Florida Hendricks and Family** - November 03, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser.



November 03, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser.



November 03, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser.




November 03, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser.



November 03, 2020 at 07:43 AM

  
Shubha  
Nagaraj

“ Dear Robin, Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Keeping you in my prayers and thoughts at this difficult time. I always remember your love for each other. Please stay strong for you and your son. Rich was so full of life and always so kind. I remember the fun conversations we had at SEKC and CSC get togethers. He will be missed.

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**Shubha Nagaraj** - November 02, 2020 at 09:03 PM

AL

“ My Dear Robin, I can't even imagine what you are going through now, but I am sending all the love, light, and positive energy in this world to you. Grief is a life time process so cry, scream, and eat as much chocolate as you need to my dear sister. Rich has always been so full of love, life, and humor. Committed to each day and his family. He will so dearly be missed. You both are in my heart forever.



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**Amanda Propes Lenhart** - November 02, 2020 at 07:35 PM

LP

God bless you Robbie&all your family  
Will be thinking of you all

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**Lamar Potts** - November 03, 2020 at 10:05 PM

AR

“ Aunt Shirley and Uncle Rod purchased the Simpl y Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser.



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**Aunt Shirley and Uncle Rod** - November 02, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser.*



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November 02, 2020 at 07:12 PM



“ *Sending prayers and condolences to Robin and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers Robin.*

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**Gwendolyn Miles** - November 02, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ *Thank you for your leadership. Sending my deepest condolences to his family and friends.*



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**Adria** - November 02, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ *Rich was one of the smartest and funniest guys I've ever known. I am going to miss seeing him at national conferences and talking to him over the phone, never knowing what he is going to say next but always knowing that I am going to learn and laugh along with him. My heart goes out to all of his family but most especially Robin, who I know he loved so very much.*

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**Chris Brown** - November 02, 2020 at 01:19 PM

AR

“ Alice Roache purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser.



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**Alice Roache** - November 02, 2020 at 12:40 PM

HB

“ Harold Norman Benton purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser.



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**Harold Norman Benton** - November 02, 2020 at 12:37 PM

MM

“ Our hearts are with you all. Rich was a good soul - always looking to tell a joke and make you think about things a new way. I will always remember and appreciate his funny Rich-isms, his cheering us on, and, above all, the fact that he adored Robin completely. From clearing her windshield of ice to checking in with her throughout the day to finding ways to make her laugh, the little things he did showed volumes about how he loved her and it was wonderful to see. Rich will be missed.

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**Melanie Marsh** - November 02, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ Rich was always ready with a joke or a smile. I loved his outlook on life. He was so smart and talented and I enjoyed knowing and working with him for over 20 years. I will miss him.



Cindy Smith - November 02, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ Dee Tyburski purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser.



Dee Tyburski - November 02, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Jeffrey Kaiser.



November 02, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ Jazz Odyssey and zeros and ones.....you will be missed! May your family and friends be comforted by cherishing the memory of you always!



Patrice Cherry - November 02, 2020 at 10:23 AM

NC

*Rich was always "re-factoring" ....and the very best at making sure the customer had what they needed. And I will miss your movie recommendations! (but can't mention all of them here :-)* Nancy

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**Nancy Carlson** - November 02, 2020 at 11:18 AM

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*"Jazz Odyssey" :)*

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**Melanie Marsh** - November 02, 2020 at 11:45 AM