



Mr. Richard "Ricky" Warren Popwell

March 7, 2026

Richard "Ricky" Warren Popwell, 75, passed away peacefully on March 7, 2025. Rick was born on July 29, 1950, to Erskine and Geneva Popwell. He was a beloved husband, father, friend and for the last twenty-two years he was best known as "Papa." He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Karen Wallace Popwell, his children Denise (Cain) Young, Allison (Jason) Barnett, and Michael (DeeDee) Popwell, brother Jimmy (Marie) Popwell and his sister Linda Chandler, his grandchildren Molly Young, Luke Young, Ellen Barnett, Mary Grace Young, Callie Barnett, Ethan Popwell, Maggie Young, Collier Barnett, Bryce Popwell and Marlee Young, along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Erskine and Geneva, and his brother Don Popwell. He was originally from Clanton, grew up in Montgomery and was a graduate of Sidney Lanier High School. He spent the majority of his career working in sales in Montgomery. He was a resident of Millbrook for over 50 years and served on the Elmore County Juvenile court system for several years. Among his hobbies was an affinity for older race cars, fishing in many areas within Alabama, spending time with his family especially his grandchildren, cooking for his family on special occasions and holiday gatherings. He enjoyed taking his grandchildren fishing, on four-wheeler rides and trips to the Bass Pro Shops. His children and grandchildren were the light of his life. He loved to tell anyone who would listen how proud he was of them. You could always find him at his grandchildren's dance recitals, plays, sporting events and awards ceremonies. There was rarely an

occasion he missed.

He was gentle and kind. He quietly did for others and never asked for anything in return. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. The family will receive friends for visitation on Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 5-7pm at Brookside Funeral Home in Millbrook. A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 13th, 2026, at 2pm at Vaughn Park Church of Christ in Montgomery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Cancer Wellness Foundation of Central Alabama or the National MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Society in honor of Rick.

Brookside Funeral Home, Crematorium & Memorial Gardens of Millbrook, AL directing.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brookside Funeral Home
3360 Brookside Dr
Millbrook, AL 36054
(334) 285-7442
<http://www.brooksidefuneralhomeal.com>

Celebration of Life

MAR 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Vaughn Park Church of Christ
Montgomery, AL

Tribute Wall

BP

“ Here are just a few moments of an incredible life of an incredible man. He will be sorely missed.



Breet Popwell - March 11 at 09:16 PM

GM

“ Ginger Minton lit a candle in memory of Richard "Ricky" Popwell



Ginger Minton - March 11 at 11:29 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard "Ricky" Warren Popwell.



March 10 at 09:50 PM

SS

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Ricky’s passing. We have known the Popwell’s for most of my life. The one thing I remember the most about Ricky is he could make the best German Chocolate Cake. Praying for Jimmy for the loss of his brother and the entire Popwell family. God bless all of you. ❤️🙏

Sandra Campbell Shelton

Sandra Shelton - March 10 at 02:47 PM

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“ Tony’s Automotive purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Richard “Ricky” Warren Popwell.



Tony's Automotive - March 10 at 11:50 AM