



Richard York

September 15, 1944 - March 4, 2026

Richard York, 81 of Arab, the Grassy community, passed away Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at his residence. He was born September 15, 1944, in Whitesburg, Kentucky, the son of Albert R. York and Vada Ison York. He was a dedicated spouse to Sandra Webb York. He honorably served his country as a veteran of the United States Army. He was a member of Sweet Home Baptist Church and was ordained into the ministry, serving as pastor at West Point Baptist Church, Westside Baptist Church, and New Beginnings Baptist Church. Richard was affiliated with the Arab Masonic Lodge #663, where he previously served as Past Master. He was also a member of the Huntsville Scottish Rites and the Cahaba Shrine. Richard liked to travel and had been to every U.S. state except Alaska. He also took pleasure in eating out and making memories with his family and friends. He was an avid golfer and, typically, achieved scores equivalent to his age. He demonstrated a strong commitment to fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, his country and especially his family.

He is survived by his wife: Sandra York; son: Ricky York (Venita Smith); daughter: Jennifer York Rathmann (David); stepsons: Adam Clemons (Jessica) and Daniel Clemons (Charity); grandchildren: Logan Teall and Kendall Teall; step grandchildren: Anna Claire Clemons and Judson Clemons; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents: Albert and Vada York; a sister and seven

brothers.

Funeral Service was 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at Gober Funeral Chapel with Brother Andy Brown officiating. The burial with military honors was in Brookwood Cemetery, Gober Funeral Chapel directing.

Visitation was 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tuesday at Gober Funeral Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Brookwood Cemetery

Old Guntersville Rd.
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Gober Funeral Chapel
1331 Guntersville Road
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-8111
goberfuneralhome@otelco.net

Funeral Service

MAR 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gober Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard York*



Gober Funeral Chapel - March 09 at 04:39 PM

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“ *Lake Guntersville Pool & Spas purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard York.*



Lake Guntersville Pool & Spas - March 09 at 07:51 PM

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“ *Dana, Will, Debbie, Nicholas and Weston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard York.*

Dana, Will, Debbie, Nicholas and Weston - March 09 at 02:01 PM

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“ *Dana, Will, Debbie, Nicholas and Weston purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Richard York.*



Dana, Will, Debbie, Nicholas and Weston - March 09 at 02:01 PM