



## Richard S. Koons

July 27, 1937 - December 19, 2008

Richard S. Koons, 71, of Plainville, husband of Hazel Newberry Koons, passed away Friday December 19, 2008 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. Born in Bathe, NY, he was raised in South Carolina, lived in New Britain for 32 years, moved to North Carolina for 12 years, before moving to Plainville last month. He was employed at the former Dynamic Metals in Manchester for 25 years, retiring in 1990.

Besides his wife Hazel, he leaves two daughters, Gina Perkins of Farmington; and Sharon Koons and her fiancé Robert Pugliese of Plainville; a son, Scott Koons also of Plainville; and his faithful dog, Jasmine.

The funeral and burial will be in South Carolina. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 45 Ash Street, East Hartford, CT 06108. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ Dear Hazel,  
May God comfort you with the years of memories you and Richard enjoyed together. Richard and I shared many laughs together in Wood Shop, at Murray High School. As I shared with you, I've tried to find Richard for 50 years, and was able to visit him in your home in Zebulon. He was a very talented special person. Thank you for your call.

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**Bruce Kendeigh** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ We will miss seeing Richard walking his dog and stopping by for a neighborly chat. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Renee, Kellie, Wally and Erik.

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**Renee Vatilla** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Hazel,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We love you and miss you! Regan, Gene, Makenzie, Kolby, Mary, and Gene Sr. Steidl

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**Regan** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ My PRAYERS are with you and your family Mrs. Hazel we love you.

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**Ron Jones** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ We love you and always remember all the times we had. Rest in peace, you are with us now and we all will see you again.

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**Paul&linaSirois** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Hazel and Sharon..

*I am so very sorry to hear of your loss.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
God bless*

*Clare x*

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**Clare Dean** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Aunt Hazel you are a brave, strong, loving, wonderful and patient woman. It really hurts to lose someone you love as you know but to not be selfish and let them go is much harder. Uncle Rich is not hurting or struggling anymore. You have some wonderful stories to tell from your memories and I look forward to hearing them sometime. God Bless You and your family and know Uncle Rich is in a heavenly place. Love Your Neice

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**Donna Silvia** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Hazel & Family,  
We send to you and your family our deepest sympathies... May God bless you all...

*John & Claudette*

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**John & Claudette Newberry** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ RICHARD YOU WILL BE MISSED VERY MUCH, YOU ARE WITH ALL OF OUR LOVE ONES NOW. ENJOY OUR LITTLE TALKS. MAKE ME LAUGHT ALOT. MADE YOU REST IN PEACE ALLWAY PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE WHEN WE TALKED.WILL LOVE YOU ALWAYS.

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**debbie** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Aunt Hazel, Gina, Scott, and Sharon  
My sympathies go out to you all. I loved Uncle Rich and he will be missed. He was a blessed man to have a family that loved him through and into Gods arms. With love Whendy

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**Whendy Summers** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Dear Hazel, when you called me to let me know that Richard passed away, my heart just hurt for you. I'm so sorry for you and your family for your loss. Richard is in a better place, and someday we will all be that fortunate. Please, take care and please stay in touch. Love Liz & Ernie

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**Liz Gentry** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Richard, ,there,s no words to say how much ilove you ,you are not gone ,i see you every where's i look . richard may you rest in peace god is with you and your family to me you are not to far you will be with me forever . i love you.you will be with me forever in my heart.thanks for the family picture you drew for my my family tree.monkey

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**beverly collin** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *My Uncle Rich was very special. My Mom and Dad loved him I know for sure. I grew up with Richard, Hazel and the kids always close by. He will always be remembered and missed. God has a special place just for him. Love Always Ronda your Niece.*

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**Jay and Ronda Rogers** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ *Richard  
On December 19th, 2008 my heart ached as I was told you quietly passed away. Our hearts were almost broken Richard because we wanted you to stay. We thank god though for each precious moment he gave us just to know you. I won't think of you as gone away, your journey's just begun; life holds so many facets, this earth is only one. I will think of you resting from your pain, sorrow and tears. In a place of warmth and comfort, where there are no days, no months, no years. I think of you living in the hearts of everyone you've touched. Because you were Loved so very much. May God Bless You, Miss Hazel. I love and miss you. Frances.*

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**Frances Deese** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ hazelnut,ron,scooter,gina. this was givin to us when mom passed,so i thought id pass to you.its meant for love. MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM HEAVEN.I STILL HEAR THE SONGS,I STILL SEE THE LIGHTS. I STILL FEEL YOUR LOVE,ON COLD WINTERY NIGHTS.I STILL SHARE YOUR HOPES AND YOUR CARES.ILL EVEN REMIND YOU TO PLEASE SAY YOUR PRAYERS. I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU,YOU STILL MAKE ME PROUD,YOU STAND HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE THE CROWD. KEEP TRYING IN EVERY MOMENT TO STAY IN HIS GRACE. I CAME HERE BEFORE YOU TO SET YOUR PLACE. YOU DONT HAVE TO BE PERFECT ALL THE TIME.HE FORGIVES YOU THE SLIP,IF YOU CONTINUE TO TO CLIMB. TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.... PLEASE BE THANKFUL TODAY I'M STILL CLOSE BESIDE YOU IN A NEW SPECIAL WAY. I LOVE YOU ALL DEARLY.NOW DONT SHED A TEAR,CAUSE IM SPREADING MY CHRISTMAS WITH JESUS THIS YEAR. OUR LOVE IS WITH YOU ALWAYS.

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**butch&claudia** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Hazel,  
I am proud of you girl proud of how you took charge when it was time to make the move and grant Richard his wishes. Richard can rest now knowing that you and your children are together. on Friday two best buddies were reunited. Richard and Doug were like brother's instead of best friend's and often reminded me of "Two Grumpy Old Men" but they loved each other all their lives. We both know that Richard never got over Doug's death but now they are together and they both have brand new bodies free from pain. The Bible says to be absent from the body is to be present with the lord.  
Because of their faith in God we know they are in Heaven and because we know where they are and know that we will see them again we don't have to say goodbye we can say "See you later". Richard loved to visit South Carolina and often bragged on my southern cooking. He once told me that I was the best thing that ever happen to Doug and you Hazel was the best person for Richard and he loved you and his children even though he sometimes had a hard time expressing his true feeling.  
Stay strong my friend and do all you can to improve your health now.  
Tell your Children I send my love and I keep them in my prayers.  
Lot's of Love, annette

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**Annette Murrell** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LQ

“ I'll always remember all the talks we had about coins, history, your family. It was always so interesting. I will miss you uncle.

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**Lisa Qsaib** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Rich was a very witty man and a blast to be with on the golf course. He was very happy when his daughter took up golf and we all played together. He was a great father-in-law for 15 years and I loved hearing him complain about all the idiots there were on the planet-God he could make you laugh. We had alot in common and I will miss him greatly. We will have some laughs when I see you again Rich. Enjoy yourself now...but don't practice your golf game too much, I haven't played in a long time!!

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**Craig Perkins** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Hazey May, Gina, Sharon & Scotty,

*We are so saddened to hear of Richard's passing especially right here just before Christmas.*

*One thing about Richard will forever stick with us...the way he always greeted Jeff with "Hi Guy".*

*Hazel, I know your strong faith will help you through this, for you have a faith in God stronger than anyone I know.*

*The loss of your sisters and now Richard has been a lot in a short period time, yet you never falter in your faith. Some people might have turned away from their faith after all of that, but not you. You hold onto it tighter.*

*I know my life has gotten busy and we don't talk as often as we should, but no matter how busy I will always be here for you. I am so lucky to have you in my life and our friendship has lived on through the years and the miles.*

*Gina, Just look in the mirror and you will see your dad looking back at you, and I know he must have been proud of everything you have accomplished. Even as a child you were more grown up than others your age. Helping to care for the younger kids while mom worked nights all those years ago. You were amazing even back then.*

*Sharon..wow..I know he had to have been proud of the woman you grew up to be. The one in the middle who takes care of everyone. It sounds like you busted your butt to ready things for your dad and mom to come 'home' again. I know you will never lose that caring quality you have about you.*

*Scotty, You REALLY can look in the mirror and see your dad looking back. As the only son in the family I know your dad must have been proud of you.*

*To the kids:*

*The family love that you share and the closeness of those of you that are left, along with faith will help you draw strength from each other. I know all too well how hard it is to lose a parent, but I promise the pain will lessen some day and it will get easier. That may sound impossible right now, but it really is true that time will help you heal.*

*Hazel:*

*Now you KNOW he's up there romping with the dogs, playing a round of golf and teasing the heck out of your sisters and your mom. He's walking side by side with his dad. Hey maybe my mom will even show him around!*

*I am sure you will feel him when you need him. He's up there watching you now.*

*We love you all.*

*Tina, Jeff & Josh*

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**Tina, Jeff & Josh Hayes** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM